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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CHARLESTON DIVISION

SUZANNE Q. LITTLE, individually  
and as Personal Representative of  
the Estate of SAMUEL MARTIN LITTLE,  
deceased,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO.  
2:98-1879-23

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CORPORATION, individually and as  
successor by merger to the AMERICAN  
TOBACCO COMPANY, and R.J. REYNOLDS  
TOBACCO COMPANY,

VOLUME II

Defendant(s).

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STIPULATION: It is stipulated by and among  
Counsel that this deposition is being taken in accordance  
with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and that the  
deponent does not waive reading and signing of this  
deposition.

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RUSSELL A. HARLEY, M.D., being  
first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MS. SCHMAHL:

Q. Good morning, Dr. Harley. My name is Robin  
Schmahl. We met during the first day of your deposition.  
Do you understand that this is a continuation of your  
deposition from April 17?

A. I do.

Q. And you're still under oath, and the same rules  
apply as to the first day of your deposition.

A. I understand.

Q. Since the day of your last deposition, have you  
discussed this case with Plaintiffs' attorneys?

A. Only briefly, not to any really great extent.  
They sent me copies of Dr. Barsky's deposition and said  
they were coming and would I please have a look at those,  
and that's about it.

Q. Okay. And did you have a look at Dr. Barsky's

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deposition?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you draw any conclusions from your review of  
his deposition?

A. Yes.

Q. And what were those conclusions?

A. I was, of course, impressed by his CV, yet  
again. He's a very accomplished researcher. I was a  
little surprised at the number of bronchioloalveolar  
carcinomas that he finds in his studies in Southern  
California, in which they were extraordinarily common  
compared with most other studies.

I noted the photographs that he had taken of  
areas of the tumor in Mr. Little's case, which had  
bronchioloalveolar features. And I also observed the  
photographs that he had taken of other given -- that is,  
known bronchioloalveolar carcinomas.

Basically, my impression of the photographs that  
he's taken in Mr. Little's case are that these are  
probably of areas that I remember seeing, small --  
actually, one small area, that I did not think, if I'm  
correct, I did not think was cancer. I thought this was  
atypical hyperplasia and not part of the tumor.

There's a lot of interesting science in his  
deposition, and so I enjoyed reading it from that

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1 standpoint.

2 Q. When you examined the photographs that  
3 Dr. Barsky had made, did you see BAC in those photographs  
4 or what would be consistent with BAC?

5 A. I saw something that, based on those  
6 photographs, one could say was BAC.

7 Q. Did you see Clara cells in any of those  
8 photographs?

9 A. Possibly so. I remember seeing what I thought  
10 were hyperplastic type 2 cells.

11 As I said, when I looked at these in the  
12 original, I saw a small focus of what I thought was  
13 atypical bronchioloalveolar hyperplasia that I did not  
14 think was cancer. I have looked at these slides pretty  
15 carefully, so I thought that the area that he photographed  
16 must have been from that little area that I remembered.

17 The hyperplastic cells may contain some Clara  
18 cells; they may be type 2 cells. I really couldn't say  
19 from looking at the photographs.

20 Q. And either Clara cells or type 2 cells are  
21 suggestive of BAC; is that correct?

22 A. They are the malignant cell in BAC, yes.

23 Q. Were you asked to review or pay any special  
24 emphasis to certain portions of Dr. Barsky's deposition or  
25 deposition exhibits?

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1 A. No, I was just asked to review it and form  
2 impressions.

3 Q. What, after reviewing it, what was your ultimate  
4 impression?

5 A. That Dr. Barsky believes this is a  
6 bronchioloalveolar carcinoma; that he believes that  
7 bronchioloalveolar carcinomas, even though they are  
8 increasing in the general population, are not necessarily  
9 related to cigarette smoking, or at least not as closely  
10 as the other common lung cancers. And as I've said, he  
11 thinks these are much commoner cancers than most other  
12 people.

13 If you can hearken back to the two summaries  
14 that I gave you of the types of cancers that we think are  
15 being -- that we are seeing here in Charleston, the  
16 bronchioloalveolar carcinomas were relatively uncommon;  
17 whereas, he finds them, according to his work, in about 24  
18 percent of the lung cancer population, which is the  
19 highest I've seen anywhere.

20 So he seems to be at one end of the spectrum and  
21 we seem to be toward the other, and I don't know exactly  
22 how to explain this rather extraordinary number of BACs in  
23 his population.

24 Q. Did you review in his deposition -- or reviewing  
25 the exhibits, did Dr. Barsky reach any conclusions that

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1 you thought could not be supported by medical science?

2 A. The big one, I think, is that the portion of  
3 this that he calls bronchioloalveolar carcinoma, I think  
4 many of us would not. I think many of us would say it's  
5 atypical hyperplasia.

6 I can't really speak for other pathologists or  
7 other lung pathologists, and this is something that would  
8 require a pathologist having that slide in his hand, under  
9 his own microscope, to come to a firm conclusion.

10 Q. Okay. But absent having that slide, under your  
11 microscope, you could not come to a firm conclusion, one  
12 way or another, whether Dr. Barsky correctly identified  
13 that as being BAC rather than atypical hyperplasia; is  
14 that correct?

15 A. That's correct. And I think that's one of the  
16 linchpins of this whole thing. This particular tumor  
17 behaved in some ways like a bronchioloalveolar carcinoma,  
18 in that it tended to spread through the lungs before it  
19 went to other places.

20 On the other hand, it never looked like a  
21 bronchioloalveolar carcinoma, and I'm not the only one who  
22 looked at it; there were other highly-respected lung  
23 pathologists who also looked at it, I believe.

24 I think Dr. Roggli looked at it; he's very good.

25 And, I think, Dr. Sam Hammar looked at it; he's also very

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1 good. And I don't believe either one of them thought this  
2 was a BAC. And they had the same slides that I had and  
3 that Dr. Barsky had. So you've got four people looking at  
4 the same material and coming to different conclusions.

5 Dr. Barsky has sort of specialized in BACs among  
6 the lung cancers. Much of his work has to do with breast  
7 cancer and with basic mechanisms of behavior of cancer,  
8 invasion of cancer, and protection the body throws up  
9 against invasion.

10 He -- I don't think he over-reads  
11 bronchioloalveolar carcinoma ordinarily. His study in  
12 which he found large numbers of BACs, especially in women  
13 in California, I believe is probably true in that study in  
14 that population.

15 But I think, in this case, the tiny area that  
16 he's looking at is a response of the lung to injury, that  
17 is, to the adjacent large cell cancer, and to the  
18 radiation and the chemotherapy that were given, that this,  
19 in other words, happened after the fact and does not  
20 indicate that this particular cancer sprang from the BAC.  
21 Nevertheless, I see his viewpoint.

22 Q. Dr. Harley, can you match the photomicrograph up  
23 to the pathology sample? Is it identified which pathology  
24 sample the photomicrograph comes from?

25 A. I don't believe he said exactly which one, but I

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1 do remember seeing an area of something that I thought was  
 2 atypical hyperplasia in one of those slides.  
 3 Q. Let me ask --  
 4 A. Now, this is really going pretty far out, but I  
 5 think it was slide 7, something or other 7, I think, but  
 6 that's pushing my memory a little far.  
 7 Q. Okay. Would that be photomicrograph 7?  
 8 A. No, I'm talking about the glass slides. I'm  
 9 sorry. I'm not talking about photomicrographs; I'm  
 10 speaking of the glass slides, themselves.  
 11 Q. Well, let me ask you, if Dr. Barsky took the  
 12 photomicrograph from the pathology sample that was  
 13 collected on December 18th, 1995, the pathology materials  
 14 on those glass slides would not have any radiation  
 15 reaction; is that correct?  
 16 A. I would have to go back and look at the dates on  
 17 all this again, it's a little blurry, but if he took  
 18 photographs before chemotherapy and radiation, then they  
 19 would not have chemotherapy and radiation changes.  
 20 Q. So if the photomicrographs that Dr. Barsky took  
 21 show what he calls BAC and you think might be atypical  
 22 hyperplasia, and that photograph was taken before the  
 23 radiation and chemotherapy, what Dr. Barsky is seeing is  
 24 not a response to radiation or chemotherapy; is that  
 25 correct?

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1 A. That's correct.  
 2 Q. And sitting here today, is it your belief that  
 3 the area that you looked at that had hyperplasia was a  
 4 post-radiation, post-chemotherapy pathology slide?  
 5 A. That's what I remembered, but it's been an awful  
 6 long time since I looked at these. I do remember seeing  
 7 some atypical -- some reaction that I thought was atypical  
 8 bronchioloalveolar response, and I think I remember seeing  
 9 it adjacent to cancer. And I was assuming that this was  
 10 in the treated cancer, because that's what most of what we  
 11 saw and took pictures of.  
 12 Q. Is it not correct that what Dr. Barsky noted in  
 13 his photomicrographs is more significant if it comes from  
 14 an area of cancer that has not been treated with either  
 15 chemotherapy or radiation?  
 16 A. That's correct.  
 17 Q. Since your last deposition, have you talked to  
 18 Dr. Reed about Mr. Little or this case?  
 19 A. No, I have not.  
 20 Q. Have you, at any time, talked to Dr. Reed about  
 21 Mr. Little or this case, outside of the context of  
 22 treating Mr. Little?  
 23 A. I do remember at one point, saying -- asking her  
 24 how her deposition went. And as I remember it, she made a  
 25 face and said something about its being long.

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1 Q. Any other discussions that you had with  
 2 Dr. Reed?  
 3 A. No.  
 4 Q. Exchanged any e-mails with her or exchanged any  
 5 correspondence with her regarding Mr. Little or this case?  
 6 A. I don't think so.  
 7 Q. How about Dr. Hammar; have you discussed  
 8 Mr. Little or this litigation with him?  
 9 A. I don't believe so. I don't -- I saw him in New  
 10 Orleans, and I don't really remember what we talked about  
 11 other than an upcoming meeting, so I don't think we talked  
 12 about this.  
 13 Q. Dr. Victor Roggli?  
 14 A. If I said anything to him or he said anything to  
 15 me about the case, it was awfully short and tangential.  
 16 We also talked at the New Orleans meeting about the  
 17 possibility of doing a study on BAC which we are going to  
 18 have to modify somewhat. And in that context, we probably  
 19 did mention this case. I don't remember anything specific  
 20 about it, though.  
 21 Q. Have you discussed this case with anyone else  
 22 other than the individuals that we have already talked  
 23 about?  
 24 A. I don't believe so.  
 25 Q. Since your last deposition, have you reviewed

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1 any medical records regarding Martin Little?  
 2 A. Only Dr. Barsky's deposition.  
 3 Q. Have you reviewed any medical articles or texts  
 4 in preparation for this litigation?  
 5 A. No.  
 6 Q. Have you done a MedLine search on any topics  
 7 with regard to this litigation?  
 8 A. I looked up Dr. Mark Green's article, which I  
 9 believe was in the Journal of Clinical Oncology some years  
 10 ago --  
 11 Q. And what --  
 12 A. -- which is a reference that Dr. Barsky had in  
 13 his deposition. I looked up the abstract and found it to  
 14 be fairly general, saying that there seemed to be an  
 15 increase in BAC.  
 16 Q. Okay. And why, in particular, did you look up  
 17 Dr. Green's BAC article?  
 18 A. Because I see him with some frequency, and I  
 19 thought that if the subject of BAC in general should come  
 20 up, that it would sort of be a courtesy for me to have  
 21 read his article.  
 22 Q. Other than --  
 23 A. And because I respect his opinion.  
 24 Q. Other than Dr. Barsky's deposition, have you  
 25 read any other of the depositions that have been taken in

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1 this case?

2 A. Yes, I think I referred to those in my previous  
3 half of this deposition, and I think I have looked through  
4 all of them that were sent to me, at some point.

5 Q. Okay. And those would be depositions that we  
6 had identified at your last --

7 A. I believe so.

8 Q. -- deposition by name.

9 Any others? Have you received any others since  
10 the date of your last deposition?

11 A. No, I don't think so.

12 Q. And have you reviewed the expert reports of any  
13 of the Defendants' experts in this case?

14 A. I don't think so. Could you clarify that  
15 further, an example?

16 Q. You prepared an expert report --

17 A. Right.

18 Q. -- for this case. Our expert witnesses also  
19 prepared expert reports for this case. Have you reviewed  
20 any of those expert reports that lay out a summary of the  
21 Defendants' witnesses' opinions?

22 A. Only Dr. Barsky's.

23 Q. Okay. Dr. Harley, when we adjourned your last  
24 deposition, we were in the process of going through the  
25 photomicrograph slides that you made, and I believe we

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1 left off with slide 18-3?

2 A. I have it here.

3 Q. Is there a way for us to get the carousel set up  
4 without --

5 A. We can -- this sort of thing, I can do.

6 MS. SCHMAHL: Let's take a quick break and  
7 we can get the room set up and get back to it.  
8 (A recess transpired.)

9 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

10 Q. Dr. Harley, is what we have on the slide  
11 projector, is that 18-2 or 18-3?

12 A. This is 18-2.

13 Q. I believe that we have talked about 18-2 during  
14 your last deposition, so could we go forward to 18-3,  
15 unless there's something else you need to point out for  
16 me.

17 A. Well, just for the sake of clarity and to make  
18 sure this comes out the same way, because it is confusing,  
19 this is 18-2. And as it now appears on the screen, the  
20 tumor is a strip of cells running from the bottom right  
21 center to the upper left corner. And there is tumor  
22 necrosis in the lower left corner of the slide, which  
23 would be the key feature that a pathologist would see.

24 Q. All right.

25 MS. SCHMAHL: Can we go off the record

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1 again?

2 (Off-the-record conference.)

3 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

4 Q. Dr. Harley, for the sake of clarity, and so that  
5 we all know how to look at these slides when we put them  
6 in our carousels, you put the slides in the carousel with  
7 the label that shows the pathology specimen number at the  
8 top, correct?

9 A. Right. So that if one is looking at the slide  
10 and reading the number and the name, it goes in just like  
11 that; that name is at the top and facing the back of the  
12 carousel.

13 Q. Thank you.

14 We left off last time discussing slide 18-3.  
15 Would you bring that slide up on the carousel, please?

16 A. (Complying)

17 Q. Slide 18-3 is a photograph taken at medium  
18 power; is that correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Please describe the histological features of  
21 18-3.

22 A. At the upper right corner is a vessel, a blood  
23 vessel, which I think is a pulmonary vein, because there's  
24 a connective septum running into it.

25 In the center of the slide, more or less,

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1 there's a blood vessel containing red blood cells. And  
2 just adjacent to that and below it to the left, at 7:00,  
3 there's an enlarged air space.

4 There are some other similar enlarged air spaces  
5 in the photograph. The enlarged air spaces are suggestive  
6 of a very mild degree of emphysema. They are not  
7 absolutely diagnostic of it, in that this could be local  
8 hyperinflation and artifact, but the location near the  
9 center of the acinous, which is where the largest air  
10 space is, and the overall appearance, is suggestive of a  
11 slight degree of centrilobular emphysema.

12 I find centrilobular emphysema, to some degree,  
13 in the lungs of most chronic cigarette smokers and -- so I  
14 suppose the reason I took this, was that I was thinking  
15 about tobacco smoking, wondering if there were any  
16 emphysema there.

17 There's another feature suggestive of emphysema.  
18 If one looks at the enlarged air space, directly above it  
19 is another small pulmonary artery, and to the left of that  
20 is a space that has a portion of tissue which seems to be  
21 floating free; it's not attached anywhere.

22 The lack of attachment suggests that there might  
23 be destruction of tissue, which is the hallmark of  
24 emphysema; that is, holes in the lung. Nevertheless, this  
25 is minimal emphysema, if it really is emphysema at all.

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1 Q. Okay. Now, you said that it could be  
2 hyperinflation.  
3 A. Right.  
4 Q. What are some of the things that can cause  
5 hyperinflation?

6 A. In material like this, it's been handled by  
7 pathologists who have been looking at it, cutting it, and  
8 pulling it, and sometimes it's an artifact. The air is  
9 trapped there, and the air spaces away from the area of  
10 hyperinflation are relatively compressed. One sees that  
11 at the upper right corner, and to some extent, the lower  
12 left corner.

13 So if those, the ones at the lower left and  
14 upper right corners collapse, then that would pull open  
15 the ones in the middle. So it could just be an artifact.

16 Hyperinflation, in real life, is caused by  
17 intentionally holding one's breath or by obstruction of an  
18 airway from a mucus plug or from asthma. In this case, it  
19 has little significance.

20 Q. Okay. And would it be fair to say that, based  
21 on what you see in slide 18-3, you couldn't make a  
22 clinical diagnosis of emphysema?

23 A. No, I wouldn't.

24 Q. Is there anything in slide 18-3 that would be  
25 indicative of cancer type?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Does 18-3 show any active cancer?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Does it show any cancer at all?

5 A. Not a bit.

6 Q. Does 18-3 support your opinions?

7 A. No, neither one way, nor the other. It may  
8 indicate a small degree of histologic emphysema, which  
9 differs from what you refer to as clinical emphysema,  
10 which is symptomatic and requires destruction of a great  
11 deal of lung tissue before one knows it's there.

12 Q. But there's nothing inside 18-3 that would allow  
13 you to testify, with a reasonable degree of medical  
14 certainty, that Mr. Little, in fact, had emphysema; is  
15 that correct?

16 A. No, I don't believe he did.

17 Q. Do you intend to show slide 18-3 to the jury?

18 A. I don't think so.

19 Q. Could you please put 18-4 in the carousel?

20 A. (Complying)

21 Q. Now, slide 18-4, that actually corresponds to  
22 Figure 4 on Exhibit 4. You had provided for us some color  
23 photographs of the slides; is that correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. Does 18-4 show the same field as 18-3?

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1 A. I don't think so. I need to go back and look.

2 It's possible that this is in the corner of

3 18-3. I can't tell for sure from this distance.

4 Q. 18-4 was taken at a higher magnification than

5 18-3; is that correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Do you know what the power of the lens was that  
8 you used on 18-4?

9 A. It looks like an objective lens of about 25X.

10 Q. Okay. Can you please describe for us the  
11 histological features of 18-4?

12 A. This is, again, the center of an acinous  
13 somewhere in the lung, and a pulmonary artery is present  
14 at the lower left portion of the slide. The center of the  
15 slide contains air spaces which have a number of large  
16 macrophages with abundant finely granular brown cytoplasm.  
17 This is at the center of an acinous, because it's adjacent  
18 to the pulmonary artery.

19 And the presence of the brown macrophages is  
20 suggestive of so-called respiratory bronchiolitis, which  
21 is characteristically seen in cigarette smokers. So,  
22 again, this would be an example of something one might  
23 find in a cigarette smoker which, I think everybody  
24 agrees, Mr. Little was. It really serves no great purpose  
25 other than to suggest that indeed he was what he was, was

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1 a cigarette smoker.

2 Q. Is there anything in 18-4 that is indicative of  
3 cancer?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Then I take it, there's nothing in 18-4 that is  
6 indicative of the cell type of cancer.

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Does 18-4 support your opinion with respect to  
9 cell type in any way?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Does slide 18-4 show signs of emphysema?

12 A. I don't believe so.

13 Q. Does -- is there anything in slide 18-4 that you  
14 are relying upon in forming your opinion, either on  
15 causation or cell type?

16 A. No. It's a reminder that Mr. Little is a  
17 cigarette smoker, but it doesn't prove it. These cells or  
18 similar cells can be found in other conditions, and I  
19 think it's a given that he smoked cigarettes, in any case,  
20 so really not.

21 Q. Do you intend to show slide 18-4 to the jury?

22 A. I don't think so, unless the conversation gets  
23 away from cancer and is then into tobacco smoking, in  
24 general, and I would hope that it would be more focused  
25 than that.

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1 Q. So this, to the extent you showed slide 18-4,  
2 it's a type of photo that would just provide background  
3 information; is that correct?

4 A. Correct. It's a talking point, if one wanted to  
5 talk about lymphocytes, or macrophages, or alveoli, it  
6 could be used for that, but in talking about cancer  
7 directly, it shows no cancer.

8 Q. Could you bring up, please, slide 18-5?

9 A. (Complying)

10 Q. 18-5 is a fairly high-powered magnification,  
11 correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Is that a 40X lens?

14 A. I believe so.

15 Q. What field does slide 18-5 show? Is it the same  
16 as 18-4?

17 A. There's a -- let me answer that indirectly.  
18 There's a large macrophage in the center, which is fairly  
19 characteristic of two nuclei, and another small macrophage  
20 adjacent to it, and a small degenerating cell adjacent to  
21 that. If we can find that same thing, then I can answer  
22 your question.

23 I don't believe so. It's the same general  
24 process, so it could be.

25 Q. Is there anything in slide 18-5 that is

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1 indicative of cancer?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Nothing in 18-5 that is indicative of cell type?

4 A. No, there's not.

5 Q. Does anything in 18-5 support your opinion with  
6 respect to cell type?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Would you please describe the histological  
9 features of 18-5?

10 A. It's a high power of lung somewhere containing  
11 brown macrophages, including a few small black specs of  
12 carbon dust. It is typical of what one might see in  
13 respiratory bronchiolitis, as we've mentioned. There's  
14 another macrophage with more black dust off to the side.

15 So this could be something found in a cigarette  
16 smoker's lung, although this degree might be seen in other  
17 conditions.

18 Q. Could this degree be seen in lungs of  
19 nonsmokers?

20 A. This accumulation of brown macrophages can occur  
21 in a whole host of conditions, but numerous centrilobular  
22 or centriacinar collections of these --

23 COURT REPORTER: Or what; I'm sorry?

24 THE DEPONENT: Centrilobular or centriacinar,  
25 a-c-i-n-a-r, are found much, much more commonly in

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1 cigarette smokers.

2 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

3 Q. Does slide 18-5 show any evidence of emphysema?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Does it show any evidence of asthma?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Does slide 18-5 support your opinion with  
8 respect to cell type at all?

9 A. No, it does not.

10 Q. Does it support your opinion with respect to  
11 causation at all?

12 A. No, except that it's fairly characteristic of  
13 one of the changes seen in cigarette smokers.

14 Q. Do you intend to --

15 A. But, again, I think we've given the fact that  
16 Mr. Little was a cigarette smoker, so this really is  
17 unnecessary.

18 Q. Okay. So macrophages would tend to show that  
19 Mr. Little was a cigarette smoker; is that correct?

20 A. Right; whereas, his history is, I think,  
21 clear-cut, so this is an unnecessary point.

22 Q. Let's just discuss -- strike that.

23 Do you intend to show slide 18-5 to the jury?

24 A. I don't believe so, unless that kind of  
25 conversation is called for, for some reason. If someone

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1 wants to talk about macrophages, we have some great  
2 macrophages here.

3 Q. So both slides 18-4 and 18-5 show macrophages,  
4 right?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. And is it correct that macrophages encapsulate  
7 foreign materials that get into the lungs?

8 A. That's one of their many functions, yes.

9 Q. Some of the foreign materials that could be  
10 encapsulated by macrophages would be air pollution; is  
11 that right?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. You've already mentioned carbon dust.

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Dirt that's breathed in?

16 A. That's correct, almost any particle that can get  
17 into the alveoli is taken up by macrophage.

18 Q. Asbestos?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Silica?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Tobacco smoke?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Marijuana smoke?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Is there anything else that you can think of  
2 that would be common respirable dust that may be  
3 encapsulated by macrophages?

4 A. I can think of lots of them, but just any  
5 particle that's less than about 10 microns can get into  
6 the alveoli, and nearly all of those would elicit a  
7 response by the macrophage, and it would tend to engulf  
8 it.

9 Q. How about substances that are found in aerosols,  
10 like deodorants, would that have a dust that would be  
11 respirable?

12 A. It could, yes.

13 Q. Colognes and other spray-on scents?

14 A. Most of those don't have particles. They have  
15 tiny droplets of liquid; whereas, a macrophage might  
16 respond to such material, you couldn't see it and  
17 couldn't -- you'd have to do a chemical test to see if the  
18 macrophage had engulfed it.

19 Q. Exhibit 7 --

20 A. May I turn this off?

21 Q. Oh, certainly.

22 A. It's making noise.

23 Q. You get the carousel; we'll get the lights.

24 (Off-the-record conference.)

25 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

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1 Q. Dr. Harley, Exhibit 7 to your deposition is your  
2 chapter on tobacco which is published in Dail and Hammar's  
3 book, Pulmonary Pathology, Second Edition. Do you stand  
4 by what you wrote?

5 A. That's a good question. I wrote this a good  
6 many years ago, and I do change my mind from time to time.  
7 And this was a difficult chapter to write, because there  
8 was so much that could be written. It was hard to narrow  
9 it down for the purposes of a chapter in a pathology  
10 textbook, but in general, yes, I do.

11 Q. Okay. This chapter was published in 1994; is  
12 that correct?

13 A. That's okay with me; I can't remember.

14 Q. Is there anything that you disagree with today  
15 that is contained in your tobacco chapter?

16 A. Probably. A lot of this stuff changes from year  
17 to year. My perceptions of things having to do with lung  
18 pathology change all the time. So I wouldn't exclude the  
19 possibility of there's something in here that I changed my  
20 mind about. Offhand, I don't know of anything.

21 Q. All right. Well, let me ask you to turn to page  
22 835, first sentence -- well, actually the first full  
23 sentence in the right-hand column.

24 A. Macrophages accumulate in great numbers?

25 Q. You wrote there, "Macrophages accumulate in

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1 great numbers and collect in the alveoli of respiratory  
2 bronchioles. Bronchoalveolar lavage produces roughly  
3 10,000 macrophages per milliliter from non-smokers and  
4 40,000 per milliliter from smokers," end quote. Do you  
5 still agree with that statement?

6 A. I gave a reference at the end of the next  
7 sentence, which is number 35. The reference is to an  
8 article by Brody and Craighead, who are excellent people,  
9 and I don't know what other studies of BALs are producing  
10 now.

11 As far as the differences between macrophages  
12 watched from the lungs of smokers versus nonsmokers, and  
13 obviously it would vary a whole lot, depending on how much  
14 a person smoked, how old he was, and other conditions.

15 But in general, I stand by it, in that the lungs  
16 of smokers do have a lot more macrophages than nonsmokers.

17 Q. Do you also stand by the fact that, irrespective  
18 of whether the patient is a smoker or nonsmoker, quote,  
19 macrophages accumulate in great numbers and collect in the  
20 alveoli of respiratory bronchioles, end quote?

21 A. What I was referring to there was that they  
22 accumulate in great numbers and especially in cigarette  
23 smokers. They accumulate in great numbers in response to  
24 particulate matter. And the more particulate matter there  
25 is, the more macrophages there are.

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1 For instance, in blank lung disease, where the  
2 entire lung appears black to the naked eye, nearly all of  
3 those black particles of coal mine dust are in  
4 macrophages. So it doesn't matter what the particle is.

5 The pattern of respiratory bronchiolitis seen in  
6 cigarette smokers is fairly characteristic. I think this  
7 was originally described by, perhaps Dennis Niewohner.

8 COURT REPORTER: Diewohner?

9 THE DEPONENT: N-i-e-w-o-h-n-e-r, and Jerry  
10 Kleinerman. I know that Dr. Kleinerman was one of  
11 the people who described this. And they noted  
12 this characteristic lesion in lungs of -- from  
13 forensic autopsies.

14 The forensic population, in addition to  
15 including lots of drug abuse and so forth,  
16 includes lots of cigarette smokers, and the lungs,  
17 in general, are cut without inflating them;  
18 whereas, in an academic center, where people are  
19 doing lung pathology, they tend to inflate the  
20 lungs with formalin. Inflation actually washes a  
21 lot of the macrophages out. So the forensic  
22 material shows a lot more of these.

23 And I think most of us in the lung pathology  
24 had not paid enough attention to this lesion,  
25 because we were looking at the lungs fixed the



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1 proper way; whereas, the improper way actually  
2 shows us a lot better. And so --

3 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

4 Q. But my question is, do you agree or disagree  
5 that smokers and nonsmokers have macrophages?

6 A. Obviously, all have macrophages, but I wanted to  
7 defend the lesion of respiratory bronchiolitis. I think  
8 it's an important pathologic lesion; whereas, it's not an  
9 absolutely diagnostic, not apathic pneumonic lesion of  
10 cigarette smokers. It is quite characteristic. And I  
11 think in moderately heavy active smokers, it's always  
12 seen.

13 Q. Okay. Are macrophages found in the alveoli of  
14 both smokers and nonsmokers?

15 A. Always, yes.

16 Q. Now, you testified during Day One of your  
17 deposition that, quote, brown macrophages occur in a lot  
18 of conditions if the macrophages have been busy eating  
19 things, correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. So brown pigmented macrophages occur from  
22 substances other than tobacco smoke; is that correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. And do you also agree that as macrophages age,  
25 their color tends to become brown due to an endogenous

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1 pigmentation?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do most or all macrophages turn brown as they  
4 age?

5 A. I would say, yes, but it depends on what they've  
6 been doing. If they have been phagocytosing, if they have  
7 been eating a lot of foreign material, they do turn brown.  
8 If they have not, they perhaps might not. Brown pigment  
9 wouldn't accumulate in some macrophages.

10 Q. What is the life cycle of a macrophage; how long  
11 do they live?

12 A. You know, I'm not sure. They're not all that  
13 long-lived. I used to know this when I was a medical  
14 student. They begin life in the bone marrow. They  
15 circulate in the blood as monocytes.

16 They leave the blood and -- they may leave the  
17 blood and wander off in the tissues where they are termed  
18 histiocytes. They -- certain ones will accumulate in  
19 certain organs where they continue to differentiate, so  
20 that macrophages found in the lung may produce different  
21 enzymes than the ones found in the peritoneum. And they  
22 belong to a large family of phagocytic cells which, in  
23 general, as I've said, begin life in the brown marrow.

24 When one looks at bronchioalveolar lavage,  
25 there are some small macrophages and there are big

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1 macrophages; there are non-pigmented ones, and there are  
2 pigmented ones. And the general concept, which I think is  
3 true, is that the small nonpigmented ones are younger;  
4 they've just gotten there. And the big, old, fat brown  
5 ones are the old ones, and then one sees them in the  
6 process of dying or crawling off to their elephant's  
7 graveyard or wherever they go.

8 So there is a life cycle that's seen there that  
9 takes place in the order of weeks.

10 Q. So --

11 A. So a macrophage would not live to be six months  
12 old.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. It would be weeks.

15 Q. And what happens to the material that's been  
16 absorbed by a macrophage if the life cycle of a macrophage  
17 is only -- is less than six months?

18 A. If it's in the alveolus, when it eats a foreign  
19 particle, there are three things that can happen to it.  
20 Number one, it can stay there and it can die there, in  
21 which case the foreign material would be picked up by  
22 another macrophage and held.

23 Alternatively, the macrophage, with its foreign  
24 particle, could move up to an airway where cilia can be  
25 found and could ride along on the mucous ciliary escalator

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1 out of the lung, up into the trachea, and then be  
2 swallowed or coughed out.

3 And the third possibility would be for the  
4 macrophage to get into the interstitium into the lymphatic  
5 system and go to a regional lymph node where it might stay  
6 and die and deposit its particle.

7 Q. Do you have an opinion on how long foreign  
8 matter stays in the lungs in a macrophage before it's  
9 either carried out of the lungs or deposited into the lung  
10 system?

11 A. The topic that you're getting into there is  
12 alveoli clearance, which is a fairly mysterious topic.  
13 When particles are inhaled, most of them either are  
14 stopped by the nose or they land on the airways somewhere,  
15 and those are cleared in about a day. The ones that get  
16 into the alveoli are cleared very slowly, if at all, and  
17 they may stay for years.

18 In the case, for instance, of a coal miner, they  
19 may stay there for years and years until the coal miner  
20 develops heart failure, some pulmonary edema, and begins  
21 to wash his lungs out. He may then start coughing up  
22 great quantities of black material that's been there all  
23 his life.

24 But in general, it stays for months to years,  
25 and oftentimes for the lifetime of the person, depending



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1 on how easily digested it is.

2 Q. Okay. Are you able to determine how old a  
3 macrophage is by looking at it under a microscope?

4 A. Just in general. As I say, the big brown ones  
5 are older than the young white ones, pink ones.

6 Q. If macrophages turn brown as they age, and if  
7 macrophages can be brown from swallowing substances other  
8 than tobacco smoke, then can you tell by looking at a  
9 macrophage under the microscope what substance that  
10 macrophage has swallowed?

11 A. Sometimes. The macrophages that we've showed  
12 here today are brown because they contain lipofuscin,  
13 which, as you've mentioned, is an endogenous pigment; it's  
14 made as the macrophage ages. And I can stain that,  
15 although not specifically, it could be analyzed  
16 chemically, and I can say there's lipofuscin.

17 If I really worked on it, I could probably say  
18 how old a macrophage was, more or less. Other things that  
19 turn macrophages brown, though, for instance, are  
20 hemosiderin, which is iron pigment, and that's usually  
21 lumpy, and there's a stain for it, so I can say that's an  
22 iron containing macrophage or brown foreign material such  
23 as iron ore, and I can tell what that is by looking at it,  
24 more or less.

25 Q. But without doing --

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1 A. But --

2 Q. -- doing special stains or special testing,  
3 just with the slides that you've shown me, 18-4, 18-5?

4 A. All I could say is that looks like lipofuscin,  
5 and it's got a few little black particles. I could not  
6 tell you whether there's cigarette smoke in that or  
7 whether the little black particles came from tires or dirt  
8 in the air or exactly what.

9 Q. Okay. So if you had a pathology slide from an  
10 anonymous patient, and it had the features that we saw in  
11 18-4 or 18-5, could you simply, by examining that slide  
12 under a microscope, tell whether the patient was a smoker  
13 or nonsmoker?

14 A. I could give you some rough percentage, like the  
15 chances are 80 percent this person is a smoker and -- or  
16 maybe 95 percent or maybe 95 percent that he's not, and I  
17 can be in the ballpark, but I can't be precise. And, of  
18 course, it depends on who took the slide and where it's  
19 from.

20 Q. I'm talking about what we saw in 18-4 and 18-5.

21 A. No, from looking at that, I couldn't tell you  
22 for sure that that was a cigarette smoker. In fact, I  
23 wouldn't even get much over 60 percent in one like that.

24 Q. So your opinion that those are smoker's  
25 macrophages, is it fair to say, is based in part on the

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1 fact that you know Mr. Little was a smoker?

2 A. Oh, yeah, I'm pretty sure that's a smoker's  
3 macrophage, because they came from Mr. Little, and he was  
4 a smoker.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. But whether those are a typical smoker's  
7 macrophages, you know, if you just took those from some  
8 unknown lung and gave them to me and said -- gave me that  
9 picture and said, Is that a smoker, I couldn't say.

10 Q. Now, lung cancer is caused by cellular  
11 mutations, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Smoker macrophages don't cause lung cancer, do  
14 they?

15 A. That could be a very complex question, but  
16 basically, no.

17 Q. Smoker's macrophages are not necessary or  
18 sufficient for lung cancer, is that correct?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. The presence of smoker's macrophages does not  
21 demonstrate that cancer mutations have taken place; is  
22 that correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And the pathologist wouldn't make a diagnosis of  
25 cancer based simply on the presence of what you called

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1 smoker's macrophages?

2 A. Oh, no, not at all.

3 Q. Would you agree that the presence of smoker's  
4 macrophages is not suggestive of the cell type of a  
5 cancer?

6 A. Absolutely.

7 Q. If there's no dispute that Mr. Little was a  
8 smoker, then the presence of these smoker's macrophages,  
9 does it have any relevance to your opinion?

10 A. Not really.

11 Q. Is your causation opinion dependent in any way  
12 on your finding of smoker's macrophages?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Doctor, if we could, let's switch gears a little  
15 bit to emphysema. Do you contend that Mr. Little had  
16 emphysema?

17 A. No. I would say that the photograph I took  
18 might show a very minimal histologic degree of it, but I  
19 would never attempt to publish that in a textbook as a  
20 picture of emphysema.

21 It is suggestive, but even if it were absolutely  
22 diagnostic of a small degree of emphysema, it would not  
23 suggest that Mr. Little had clinical emphysema or any  
24 serious degree of it. So from what I have seen, I don't  
25 see any evidence that he has clinical disease emphysema.

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1 Q. Do you intend to offer any opinion whatsoever on  
2 emphysema?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you intend to offer any opinion that  
5 Mr. Little may have had a very mild case of emphysema?

6 A. No, unless I'm pinned against the wall.

7 Q. That won't be by me.

8 Dr. Harley, I'd like to discuss with you in a  
9 little bit greater detail your expert report which has  
10 been introduced into evidence as Exhibit 6.

11 MS. SCHMAHL: Let's take a break.

12 (A recess transpired.)

13 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

14 Q. Dr. Harley, is there anything in Exhibit 6 that  
15 you no longer agree with?

16 A. I don't believe so.

17 Q. Is Exhibit 6 a complete statement of your  
18 opinions regarding cell type and causation?

19 A. As regards Mr. Little, I think it's a pretty  
20 accurate summary of what I thought, think.

21 Q. Regarding both, cell type and causation?

22 A. That tobacco causes most lung cancer, in  
23 general, that there are other causes.

24 Q. Is Exhibit 6 an accurate statement of your  
25 opinions?

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1 A. I think so.

2 Q. According to paragraph 1 of your report, there  
3 on the first page, you received three categories of  
4 materials from Plaintiffs' counsel; is that correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. You received medical records from MUSC?

7 A. I believe I did. I think that Ness, Motley sent  
8 me copies of medical records, and I think I have them  
9 there in those big black notebooks somewhere.

10 Q. Those six black binders that are at the end of  
11 the room?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And Plaintiffs' attorneys, according to  
14 paragraph 1, also sent you a report by Dr. Victor Roggli?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Which contains his expert opinions on Martin  
17 Little; is that correct?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. And the third category of materials that you  
20 received are histopathological slides.

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. How much time did you spend reviewing  
23 Mr. Little's medical records before drafting Exhibit 6?

24 A. About two and a half hours, I think.

25 Q. Did you review all of his medical records or

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1 just some of his more recent medical records?

2 A. I probably looked through nearly all of them,  
3 but I'm sure I didn't read them all in great detail.

4 Q. Did you review any of the x-ray films or CT  
5 scans from Mr. Little?

6 A. No, only the reports.

7 Q. Did you review all of the x-ray reports and CT  
8 scan reports?

9 A. Like the rest of the medical records, probably  
10 not in any detail.

11 Q. What information in the medical records would  
12 have caused you to have reviewed a specific medical record  
13 in more detail?

14 A. Well, I would have started off wanting to get a  
15 general picture, an overall picture of what had happened  
16 to Mr. Little, what his medical history was. And then  
17 once I had an idea of that, I'd want to look through the  
18 medical records and see if there's anything that caught my  
19 eye that would add to that, that I didn't know already.

20 Q. What sort of things would catch your eye that  
21 would be significant for your opinions?

22 A. I'd have to look through it and see, but in this  
23 case, the course of the disease, x-rays that showed other  
24 lesions. It seemed to me that he had some granulomas and  
25 so forth in his lungs, some of which were not explained,

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1 any evidence that he had tumor elsewhere in his body.

2 The -- for instance, he had a CT of his head  
3 that showed changes in the brain that were thought to be  
4 caused by localized arteriosclerosis, and I would include  
5 something like that, because, in somebody with lung  
6 cancer, and the CT of the brain shows an abnormality,  
7 there would be the question of whether there might be a  
8 metastasis there.

9 Q. And in this case, though, there was not a  
10 metastasis to the brain, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Do you know whether you received a complete set  
13 of Mr. Little's medical records?

14 A. I don't know for sure, but considering the  
15 volume of material that I got, I would hope so.

16 Q. Have you ever met Mr. Little or his wife, Suzie  
17 Little?

18 A. I think, yes, that I met him at a church  
19 function at least once, maybe twice, but I don't remember  
20 him. And I do remember having met his wife once or twice,  
21 although I really don't know her, and I'm not certain I'd  
22 recognize her if she came in the room now.

23 Q. Did you ever discuss the litigation with  
24 Mr. Little or his wife?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Did you ever discuss any aspect of his treatment  
2 with Mr. Little or his wife?

3 A. No. I don't believe, when I met him, that I  
4 knew he had lung cancer.

5 Q. So this was just a casual social meeting,  
6 unrelated to any form of treatment or this litigation?

7 A. I believe it was a church Christmas dinner or  
8 something like that.

9 Q. How much time did you spend reviewing  
10 Dr. Roggli's expert report before you drafted Exhibit 6?

11 A. Probably a few minutes. It was not that long,  
12 it didn't take long to read it.

13 Q. Did you bring a copy of Dr. Roggli's expert  
14 report with you today?

15 A. I think so.

16 Q. Could you put your hands on that?

17 A. Probably. Let's see what I have here.

18 It's going to be harder than I thought. It's  
19 not here in this little packet.

20 Now, this is -- I'm sorry; this is his  
21 deposition, and there was a report, I think, of his, which  
22 is not the same as the deposition. I'm not sure exactly  
23 where that is right now.

24 Q. I guess my question is, that you're saying that  
25 you received a report by Dr. Victor Roggli dated September

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1 16th, 1998, and we don't have a copy of any such report,  
2 to the best of my knowledge.

3 A. I had intended to bring everything that I had in  
4 this case here. I had it all stacked up in my office. I  
5 don't see it right on the top, so perhaps it's still  
6 there.

7 Q. Perhaps we could take a break then and get --

8 A. I'll go look and see if I can find it.

9 MS. SCHMAHL: Okay.

10 (A recess transpired.)

11 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

12 Q. Let me ask you if have you seen this record  
13 before; is that the expert report of Dr. Victor Roggli  
14 that you received, or would you need to check your office  
15 to be sure?

16 A. Didn't you say that I thought the report was  
17 from --

18 Q. September 16th, 1998?

19 A. Yeah, and this is December 7th.

20 Q. Correct.

21 A. So that doesn't fit exactly.

22 MS. SCHMAHL: I'll tell you what, let's  
23 take a break. And if you can put your hands on  
24 it, then I'd like to discuss Dr. Roggli's report  
25 with you just a little bit.

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1 THE DEPONENT: Okay. Let me go see if I can  
2 find that.

3 (A recess transpired.)

4 (DFT. EXH. 26, Dr. Victor Roggli's  
5 Expert Report, was marked for  
6 identification.)

7 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

8 Q. Dr. Harley, before we took a break, I had asked  
9 you to check your office to see whether you could find any  
10 report from Dr. Victor Harley (sic) dated September 16th,  
11 1998; is that correct?

12 A. Dr. Roggli?

13 Q. I'm sorry; Dr. Roggli.

14 A. I did not find a report with that date on it.

15 It's possible that I wrote down the wrong date, and that  
16 the report of -- Dr. Roggli's report of December the 7th  
17 is really what we talked about, but I'm not sure. I'll  
18 continue to look after we finish this and see.

19 Q. I've handed you what's been marked as Exhibit  
20 26, which is the expert report of Dr. Victor Roggli dated  
21 December 7th, 1998. Would you review the expert report,  
22 please, and tell me whether you have seen the information  
23 contained therein before today?

24 A. Yes, I have.

25 Q. Is there any information contained in

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1 Dr. Roggli's report that you are relying upon in forming  
2 your opinions?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Is there any information in Dr. Roggli's report  
5 that you do not agree with?

6 A. There may be some minor discrepancies between  
7 his and mine, such as whether Mr. Little stopped smoking  
8 in December of '95 or in November of '95.

9 In general, I agree with his report.

10 Q. You didn't rely on anything in Dr. Roggli's  
11 report in forming your opinions?

12 A. No, although it's always nice to be in good  
13 company.

14 Q. How much time did you spend reviewing the  
15 pathology materials that you received?

16 A. You know, I'm not sure, it's been a while now,  
17 but probably around an hour.

18 Q. Reviewing all of the pathology materials under  
19 the microscope?

20 A. Right, perhaps a little longer.

21 Q. And does that include the time that you spent  
22 taking photomicrographs?

23 A. No.

24 Q. How much time would you have spent taking  
25 photomicrographs?

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1 A. That probably would have taken around another  
2 hour.  
3 Q. How much time did you spend preparing your  
4 expert report, which is Exhibit 6?  
5 A. Probably in the range of an hour.  
6 Q. So for the two and a half hours that you spent  
7 reviewing records, the hour that you spent reviewing  
8 pathology, the hour that you spent preparing your report,  
9 have you billed Plaintiffs' counsel for that time?  
10 A. There's a bill here from September the 6th,  
11 1999. The report was done August 16th, 1999, and this is  
12 for \$500, so at \$200 an hour, that would be about two and  
13 a half hours.  
14 Q. So you billed them for some of the time, but not  
15 all of the time; is that correct?  
16 A. Probably so.  
17 Q. Did Plaintiffs' counsel or anyone from  
18 Plaintiffs' counsel ask you to limit in any way the time  
19 that you spent reviewing the materials or preparing the  
20 report?  
21 A. No.  
22 Q. Was any dollar limit set on the amount that you  
23 could bill Plaintiffs' counsel for for your services?  
24 A. No.  
25 Q. I'd like for you to turn, please, to the second

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1 page of your expert report, which is Exhibit 6. There's a  
2 section, about midway down, called Tobacco. Do you see it  
3 there?  
4 A. I do.  
5 Q. And you wrote, quote, Mr. Little smoked about a  
6 pack of cigarettes a day for about 25 years, period, end  
7 quote.  
8 Where did you obtain the information regarding  
9 Mr. Little's smoking history?  
10 A. I think I got that from the medical records. I  
11 may have got some information from Ness, Motley law firm  
12 as well, but in general what I try to do is look to see  
13 what the various doctors who interviewed the person at  
14 various times have said. And those usually have quite a  
15 range. People come up with different numbers.  
16 But I'm not sure exactly when I got access to  
17 Mr. Little's own deposition, which would be probably more  
18 accurate in that regard.  
19 Q. Okay. And according to -- reading on in the  
20 tobacco section you wrote, quote, He quit at the time of  
21 his first surgery in December of 1995, period, end quote,  
22 correct?  
23 A. Right.  
24 Q. If my math is right then, Mr. Little started  
25 smoking, at least according to his medical records, in

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1 1970; is that correct?  
2 A. How old was he when he died?  
3 Q. Well, if he quit smoking in 1995 and he smoked  
4 for about 25 years, that would put it to about 1970; is  
5 that correct?  
6 A. Right. In my summary and comment, I said he  
7 started smoking in his 20s; he was 50-years old. So if he  
8 started when he was 25, that would give him 25 -- and  
9 smoked a pack a day, that would give him 25-pack years.  
10 Q. So sometime in the 1970s?  
11 A. Correct.  
12 Q. Now, you also began smoking in the 1970s; is  
13 that correct?  
14 A. Correct.  
15 Q. In fact, you testified in 1997, in the Karbiwnyk  
16 case down in Jacksonville, Florida, and you testified  
17 there under oath; is that correct?  
18 A. Correct.  
19 Q. And in that deposition, you were asked about  
20 your smoking history. Let me just get my hands on the  
21 transcript.  
22 Actually, on page 71 of your Karbiwnyk  
23 transcript -- and Karbiwnyk is K-a-r-b-i-w-n-y-k -- if you  
24 look on page 71 of the transcript --  
25 Jerry, do you want a copy to look at?

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1 MR. EVANS: Yes, please.  
2 MS. SCHMAHL: You get my big copy to follow  
3 along.  
4 MR. EVANS: Okay.  
5 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
6 Q. -- you were asked -- the question was, was there  
7 any doubt in your mind, when you started, that cigarette  
8 smoking was associated with lung cancer and other  
9 diseases, and you answered, None whatsoever.  
10 When did you first become aware that smoking was  
11 associated with lung cancer?  
12 A. I'm not certain. I think most people thought  
13 that it was before I started medical school, when I was in  
14 college.  
15 Q. When did you start medical school?  
16 A. I started medical school in 1960. I was in  
17 college in the late-'50s. And I think most people at that  
18 time thought that cigarettes were related to lung cancer.  
19 Both of my parents smoked, and when I started  
20 medical school in the '60s, I think the association  
21 between smoking and lung cancer was well-known.  
22 Q. Was that something that was well-known just to  
23 medical students and medical professionals?  
24 A. I don't think so. I think the general  
25 population of the United States knew about it; whereas, a

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1 lot of people might not have believed it, I think most  
2 people did.

3 Q. After the Surgeon General published his report  
4 on smoking and health in 1964, was there any doubt in your  
5 mind that smoking was related to lung cancer?

6 A. As I remember it, I think I was of the same  
7 opinion of what most people was, that the report was  
8 stating the obvious at that point, that it was well-known  
9 at that point. And I don't think most of the people I  
10 knew paid a whole lot of attention to it. The government  
11 finally caught up with the rest of everybody else's  
12 understanding.

13 Q. So the 1964 report was just not saying anything  
14 that anyone didn't know; is that correct?

15 A. But it was a good summary of what people had  
16 been saying and thinking.

17 Q. And it did get a lot of press, right, front page  
18 of newspapers, on the evening news?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. On the radio?

21 A. (Moves head up and down.)

22 Q. Are you aware of when the Surgeon General first  
23 started requiring the warning labels on cigarettes? Was  
24 that before you started smoking or after you started  
25 smoking, if you remember?

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1 A. You know, I'm really not sure. All of this  
2 stuff seems to be hazy in the distant past to me now.

3 Q. Would it be fair to say that you personally  
4 started smoking, despite knowing that it was associated  
5 with lung cancer?

6 A. Absolutely.

7 Q. Would you have any reason to believe that  
8 Mr. Little did not know that smoking was associated with  
9 lung cancer when he started smoking?

10 A. I think everybody in this country in the Western  
11 World knows that it is. There may still be people that  
12 don't believe it.

13 And I know that there are a lot of people who  
14 think they can get away with it or think that if they die  
15 when they're 40, they don't want to live that long anyway.  
16 So there are lots of odd reasons for smoking, but I think  
17 most everybody believes that lung cancer is related to  
18 cigarette smoking.

19 Q. And it's believed that to be the case since the  
20 late-'50s, early-'60s; is that correct?

21 A. There seems to be a population of people who  
22 catch up a little bit late. And so the percentages of  
23 people in the country who thought what, when, is kind of  
24 hard for me to say.

25 Mr. Little was an educated man, and he was

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1 probably aware of the fact that there was a relationship  
2 between smoking and lung cancer. It's been a long time  
3 since I've read his deposition; he may have been asked  
4 that question. So it would be better if he could speak  
5 for himself.

6 Q. If I can get you to turn to page 165 of the  
7 transcript that's in front of you, let me read you another  
8 passage from your 1997 Karbiwnyk testimony.

9 You stated, and I quote, I tell people to quit  
10 smoking so they won't get lung cancer. And they say,  
11 Well, Doc, how long do I have to quit? I say five years  
12 is good, but after about 12 years, you're getting down  
13 close to the same as if you hadn't smoked.

14 MR. EVANS: I'm sorry; can you tell me what  
15 line you're reading from?

16 MS. SCHMAHL: Page 165. Do I have the wrong  
17 page?

18 MR. EVANS: Okay, I'm sorry.

19 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

20 Q. Doctor, do you still advise your patients to  
21 quit smoking so they won't get lung cancer?

22 A. Well, as a pathologist, most of the ones I see  
23 already have it or may not be with us anymore. But when  
24 I'm talking to live people who are smoking, I do tell them  
25 that they shouldn't smoke, not just for lung cancer, but

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1 for all other reasons.

2 Q. If a patient quit smoking today, their risk of  
3 developing lung cancer declines significantly after five  
4 years; is that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. After 12 years, their risk of developing cancer  
7 is nearly the same of that -- as that of a person who has  
8 never smoked; is that correct?

9 A. It comes down closer. It's an asymptotic thing.  
10 It never comes down to normal, and figures on that keep  
11 changing as more information comes in.

12 The dangers of smoking, with relationship to  
13 lung cancer, seem to be greater than I thought then. And  
14 I can't quote anything exactly now, but as I keep reading,  
15 the cellular events that lead to a cancer, many of which  
16 seem to be permanent, have been looked at more carefully,  
17 and I think that lung cancers in smokers are probably  
18 higher than I thought at the time.

19 But, in general, I think this curve that I'm  
20 describing, of a continued period of danger of lung  
21 cancer, that then drops off to some extent, and then  
22 continues down, never quite reaching the normal line, is  
23 an appropriate curve. I think that's more or less how it  
24 works.

25 Q. Okay. But getting down close to the same risk

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1 level as a never smoker; is that correct? It will  
2 never -- it will always be higher, but approaching --  
3 A. Right, in somebody not exposed to asbestos or  
4 some other very risky substance, it does come down close.  
5 I will say, too, that since I've been working in  
6 Hollings Cancer Institute more closely than I had before,  
7 that I keep seeing cases of people who had stopped smoking  
8 quite a long time ago and who get lung cancer.  
9 And those are individual observations that don't  
10 mean anything as far as a conclusion, but they do keep  
11 bringing up the question of how long does this go on?  
12 And it's been a long time since I looked up the  
13 question of exactly -- in an organized fashion of exactly  
14 what the risk is, five, ten, 15, 20 years out from  
15 stopping. I need to do that again.  
16 But it does come down. It's a good idea to  
17 quit. It's a better idea not to start.  
18 Q. Let's see. Turning your attention back to your  
19 expert report, Exhibit 6, continuing on that second page  
20 about midway down, you have a section that's entitled  
21 Review of Slides. Do you see it?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. According to your report, you examined slides  
24 from three pathology specimens; is that correct?  
25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. Fifteen slides from specimen SP95-20474?  
2 A. Right.  
3 Q. Eighteen slides from SP96-4435?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. And 14 slides from SP96-16688.  
6 A. Correct.  
7 Q. Have you reviewed any of Mr. Little's pathology  
8 slides since drafting your expert report on August 16th,  
9 1999?  
10 A. I did; the ones that I took the photographs  
11 from, I looked at at the time that I took the photographs.  
12 Q. When did you take those photographs?  
13 A. I'm not sure exactly. I used to have a little  
14 piece of yellow paper with these that told me that date,  
15 but I'm not sure where that is now.  
16 Q. Is there anything on the slides, themselves,  
17 that may tell you when they were developed, give you some  
18 idea of --  
19 A. No.  
20 Q. Can you estimate?  
21 A. I might be able to find out from Jim Nicholson  
22 when I took the...  
23 Q. Can you estimate approximately?  
24 A. No. Really, he might have some record of when I  
25 had the prints made, but I'm really not sure when I took

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1 these.  
2 Q. Well, can you estimate approximately how long  
3 after you drafted your expert report you took the  
4 photomicrographs?  
5 A. According to my notes, sometime after January,  
6 '99. I said I've looked at the slides, made notes, need  
7 to photo and then Xerox slides and return.  
8 And then 2-4-99, I said took some photos of  
9 tumor and one of bronchiolitis, parentheses, not great.  
10 And then, apparently, I found two more boxes of  
11 something and thought I should -- needed to photo those,  
12 and I probably didn't. So I think the photographs we're  
13 looking at were taken on February the 4th, 1999.  
14 Q. But your expert report is dated August 16th,  
15 1999?  
16 A. Right.  
17 Q. So you actually took the photographs before?  
18 A. Before then, apparently so.  
19 Q. Okay. So you have -- the last time that you  
20 would have looked at the actual pathology materials would  
21 be sometime on or about August 16th, 1999, when you  
22 drafted your report; is that correct?  
23 A. So far as I know.  
24 Q. Now, earlier you testified that you spent about  
25 an hour reviewing the pathology slides when you were

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1 preparing your report and about an hour reviewing the  
2 pathology slides in connection with making the  
3 photomicrographs; is that correct?  
4 A. Right.  
5 Q. I want to clarify your testimony from the first  
6 day of your deposition. I believe it was your testimony  
7 that you first looked at the pathology slides by holding  
8 them up to the light; is that correct?  
9 A. Probably so, that's what I usually do.  
10 Q. And when you hold slides up to the light, you're  
11 just looking at the pathology with your naked eye; is that  
12 correct?  
13 A. Right.  
14 Q. What conclusions are you able to draw from grofs  
15 observation of the pathology slides?  
16 A. The main reason for doing that is to make sure  
17 that when I put it under the microscope and start  
18 magnifying things, that I don't miss something that's off  
19 in a corner somewhere. If I see a nodule or some  
20 abnormality with the naked eye, I then remember to look at  
21 that under the microscope.  
22 Q. Okay. And there's no clinical diagnosis that  
23 you could make through grofs observation; is that correct?  
24 A. Clinical diagnosis?  
25 Q. A diagnosis of whether they have or don't have

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1 cancer.

2 A. I think most pathologists can look at a slide  
3 from halfway across the room, and probably nine times out  
4 of ten say that's cancer, that's not. You get used to the  
5 patterns.

6 In lung pathology, the patterns in the lungs are  
7 things that you can see quite well with your naked eye.  
8 So there are a lot of things you do see, but they're --  
9 looking through the microscope is more accurate.

10 Q. So as you hold the slides up to the light, you  
11 can, by looking at the patterns of the slide, figure out  
12 what areas of the slide you want to focus on when you  
13 actually look at it under the microscope; is that correct?

14 A. It helps, yes.

15 Q. So with the naked eye, you could see a pattern  
16 that may be suggestive of a tumor; is that correct?

17 A. Right. You might see that there's tumor in the  
18 whole left-hand side of the slide, and the right-hand side  
19 might be lung or connective tissue.

20 Q. And so then you would want to focus on the  
21 portion of the slide that has the tumor; is that correct?

22 A. Probably so.

23 Q. And then I believe you testified that you then  
24 look at the slides with a scanning lens. What is a  
25 scanning lens?

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1 A. It's a low-power lens.

2 Q. Is that a 2.5X?

3 A. Usually.

4 Q. And then based on what you saw in the scanning  
5 lens, you chose the fields to look at higher power, right?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. What made you choose which fields to look at at  
8 higher magnification?

9 A. A variety of things. If you were looking -- if  
10 you were flying over a forest in an airplane, looking  
11 down, and you see all the trees and you see some clearings  
12 and you see a big tree and you see a pond and so forth,  
13 there might be something there that you wanted to look at  
14 more closely. And you -- for instance, if you're looking  
15 for ducks, you might want to go look at the pond, so you  
16 might circle down and get closer.

17 And the same thing is true in looking through  
18 this microscope. You might see an unusually large cell or  
19 you might see invasion of the blood vessel or invasion of  
20 the pleura, or something like that, some pattern that's a  
21 little bit different, and then to look at it more closely,  
22 use a higher power, and perhaps then use an even higher  
23 power.

24 Q. Okay. So you would, generally, look at the  
25 entire slide with the scanning lens; is that correct --

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. -- the low-power lens?

3 And then after you scanned it, if there was  
4 something that you found unusual or interesting, then you  
5 would look at that field with the high power; is that  
6 correct?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Now, would a scanning lens with a 2.5X, would  
9 that be a high enough power for you to be able to make a  
10 diagnosis of either small cell or non-small cell?

11 A. Usually. But almost nobody would do it; nobody  
12 would stop there. Almost everybody would go to a much  
13 higher power and look at the details of the nuclei and so  
14 forth.

15 Q. Would they go to a 20X or a 40X, or what power  
16 would you use?

17 A. It would be a step-wise thing, from the lowest  
18 power to a medium power to a high power. And a 40X is the  
19 standard high dry. So most people would look at tumor  
20 cells under a 40X for awhile, and then back off to the  
21 2.5X.

22 Q. With a 2X scanning lens, could you distinguish  
23 cell type?

24 A. Usually. Understand that in addition to the  
25 objective lens, and as I sit here I'm looking at a

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1 microscope there behind you, and you'll see the lenses  
2 sticking down to the bottom on the nosepiece; those are  
3 the objectives. And there are also oculars, which are the  
4 lenses on top where the eyeballs go. The oculars are  
5 usually a 10X, also.

6 So you multiply the two. The one on the bottom,  
7 if it's a 2.5X, it's multiplied by 10, so it's really 25X.  
8 And the cells that we're looking at are sufficiently big,  
9 that the outlines of the cells are quite clear at that  
10 magnification, but they're small and they're distant.

11 The difference between a small cell carcinoma  
12 and large cell is usually obvious at that point.

13 Q. Right.

14 A. Then, in looking around in the large cell tumors  
15 for evidence of differentiation that will tell you whether  
16 it's an adenocarcinoma, squamous, or not, those things are  
17 usually found also with the scanning lens, and then  
18 they're usually looked at with higher power.

19 Q. Okay. So the 2.5X would be enough for you to  
20 determine the classification of non-small cell cancer?

21 A. I would almost never stop there, but the initial  
22 impression is gained there, and it's usually pretty  
23 accurate.

24 Q. So I believe that you testified -- actually,  
25 when we were going through these photomicrographs that you



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1 took of Mr. Little's pathology -- that at the low power  
 2 lens, it was not magnified significantly for you to be  
 3 able to make a classification of cell type; is that  
 4 correct?  
 5 A. Meaning that in any particular case, you would  
 6 use whatever tools were at hand. Bear in mind, that when  
 7 a pathologist is looking through a microscope, it's a very  
 8 active thing; he's wiggling things back and forth, and  
 9 usually the nosepiece objectives are being flashed back  
 10 and forth pretty quickly, there's a lot of stuff going on,  
 11 and it's not at all like looking at a photograph.  
 12 Q. So with a 2.5, there would be features that  
 13 would be suggestive of cell type to you; is that correct?  
 14 A. Right.  
 15 Q. But you, as a pathologist, would not feel  
 16 comfortable making a diagnosis without looking at the  
 17 field under a higher magnification; is that fair to say?  
 18 A. Right. I would feel even more uncomfortable if  
 19 I had to look at one under high and couldn't use the lower  
 20 power. 2.5X is the most important lens.  
 21 Q. Now, turning back to your expert report, which  
 22 is Exhibit 6, the slides that are designated 95-20474,  
 23 correspond to a surgical pathology report dated December  
 24 18, 1995, which has already been marked as Exhibit 17 to  
 25 your deposition. Is that correct, Dr. Harley?

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1 A. This solves the problem of the Victor Roggli  
 2 report; in that, the date that I noted, 9-16-98, is the  
 3 date of the Ness, Motley letter written to Dr. Roggli, and  
 4 that's the date that I inserted here.  
 5 So apparently, this was sent to him on September  
 6 the 16th, 1998, and he reviewed it at some time after  
 7 that.  
 8 And then, what was your question?  
 9 Q. My question to you is --  
 10 (DFT. EXH. 27, Surgical Pathology Report  
 11 dated 12/18/95, was marked for  
 12 identification.)  
 13 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 14 Q. I'm handing you what has been marked as Exhibit  
 15 27 to your deposition. For identification, Exhibit 27 is  
 16 a surgical pathology report dated December 18th, 1995.  
 17 Is it correct that the 15 slides that you  
 18 received correspond to this surgical pathology report,  
 19 which is now Exhibit 27?  
 20 A. Correct.  
 21 Q. Okay. So the slides designated as SP95-20474  
 22 contain biopsy material from Mr. Little's left upper lobe  
 23 and anterior mediastinal node; is that correct?  
 24 A. Right.  
 25 Q. And the pathology material was collected on

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1 December 18th, 1995 during an exploratory thoracotomy,  
 2 correct?  
 3 A. Correct.  
 4 Q. Did you keep any notes concerning your  
 5 examination of the slides from December 18th, 1995?  
 6 A. No. All I have is the single sentence here in  
 7 my report, which says that sections reveal a large cell  
 8 carcinoma of lung with metastasis to an anterior  
 9 mediastinal node. And this corresponds more or less with  
 10 the MUSC pathology report by Drs. Larisey and Wilson,  
 11 which says, "Lung, clinically left upper lobe lesion,  
 12 biopsy; poorly-differentiated carcinoma, non-small cell  
 13 type; frozen section diagnosis confirmed," and under that,  
 14 "fibroadipose and fibroconnective tissue, clinically  
 15 anterior mediastinal node, excision; poorly-differentiated  
 16 squamous cell carcinoma; frozen section diagnosis  
 17 confirmed."  
 18 Q. Well, you say that it corresponds more or less,  
 19 except that you saw large cell lung carcinoma, where they  
 20 saw a poorly-differentiated carcinoma; is that correct?  
 21 A. In looking at the lung, they called it  
 22 poorly-differentiated and didn't further describe it, just  
 23 said it was non-small cell.  
 24 And when they looked at the mediastinal tissue,  
 25 which was said to be a node, but they didn't actually see

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1 a lymph node in that particular slide, apparently. They  
 2 saw, again, large cell carcinoma, and they must have  
 3 thought they were squamous features since they mention  
 4 that.  
 5 Q. Except that they actually diagnosed it as a  
 6 squamous; is that correct?  
 7 A. They call it poorly-differentiated squamous cell  
 8 carcinoma. I must not have seen features which convince  
 9 me that I would call it a squamous. I'm pickier than some  
 10 people are about those.  
 11 Q. So the sum total of your notes, regarding your  
 12 review of the December 1995 pathology, is the sentence on  
 13 page 2 of your expert report; is that correct?  
 14 A. I think so.  
 15 Q. Did you take any photomicrographs of the  
 16 December 1995 pathology?  
 17 A. I don't believe so. I wish I had. It would be  
 18 nice to go back and look at those slides again, but I  
 19 don't believe I took any photographs of them. And I think  
 20 the reason was that I didn't have those slides at the time  
 21 that I took the photographs, for some reason.  
 22 Q. According to Exhibit 6, your review of the  
 23 December 1995 pathology showed large cell carcinoma; is  
 24 that correct?  
 25 A. Right.

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1 Q. Could -- and your opinion is not broken down in  
2 any way on a slide-by-slide review; is that correct?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Can you, sitting here today, testify that all of  
5 the 15 slides that you reviewed that were designated  
6 SP95-20474 were positive for large cell carcinoma?

7 A. Usually, when I look at slides like this, I  
8 usually have a report like this one from Drs. Larisey and  
9 Wilson; and oftentimes, I'll scribble things on the back  
10 of it. If I did anything like that in this case, I can't  
11 find my notes right now, and I've looked, just recently in  
12 looking for the Dr. Roggli report, and I don't see that.

13 Q. Because we had actually subpoenaed all the notes  
14 that you had taken, all of the records that you had  
15 reviewed; is that correct?

16 A. Right. And you don't have them, do you? I  
17 don't seem to be able to find anything like that, either.  
18 But oftentimes I will do that, and I can't say in this  
19 case that I did or did not.

20 Q. But to the extent you did that, you can't find  
21 those notes today?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Aren't aware?

24 A. Right. And there were, apparently, 15 slides  
25 there, and -- which is quite a number of slides.

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1 Q. Do you know whether the 15 slides were the  
2 original slides that Mr. Little's pathologist examined or  
3 were these re-cuts?

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. Can you briefly explain what a re-cut is?

6 A. Yes. When tissue is removed, the process is  
7 looked at by a pathologist, it is embedded in paraffin wax  
8 so that very thin sections can be cut. The wax supports  
9 the tissue.

10 The very thin sections are cut, the paraffin is  
11 removed, and the tissue is then stained with dye so that  
12 it can be seen more clearly. And that tissue is mounted  
13 on a 1-by-3 inch glass slide, the histopathologic slides  
14 that we have been referring to.

15 The tissue, meanwhile, remains in the paraffin  
16 block so that if one wants to go back and look at more of  
17 it or do further things to it, additional sections can be  
18 cut from the paraffin block. So the tissue remains in the  
19 block, and a great many slides can be cut from the average  
20 block.

21 Q. Is there anything in Exhibit 27, which is the  
22 surgical pathology report, that would indicate to you how  
23 many original slides were made of Mr. Little's December  
24 '95 pathology?

25 A. There is not. However, records of that will be

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1 present in the computer; we could look and see.

2 Q. Sitting here today, could you tell me which of  
3 these 15 slides were positive for cancer?

4 A. No. At least one from the lung was, and at  
5 least one from the mediastinum was, and I have the  
6 impression that more than one was, perhaps all of them  
7 were, but I really can't say without looking.

8 Q. And you couldn't identify, today, which specific  
9 slides would have shown what you believe to be large cell  
10 carcinoma; is that correct?

11 A. Not without further original notes, which I  
12 don't seem to be able to find, or without the slides,  
13 themselves.

14 Q. Or what sort of alveoli might be present in the  
15 lungs or what sort of changes to the alveoli?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. Or whether there is a section of pleura or  
18 uninvolved lung in the samples either; is that correct?

19 A. Without notes, photographs, or slides, I really  
20 couldn't say.

21 Q. Now, can you, sitting here today, tell me what  
22 morphological features, from your review of the December  
23 1995 pathology, were consistent with large cell carcinoma?

24 A. First of all, I think everybody seems to be  
25 agreeing that it's not small cell. Therefore, it must

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1 necessarily be one of the large cell types, squamous,  
2 adeno, or without those features, simply large cell.

3 Q. Would you agree that the term  
4 poorly-differentiated non-small cell cancer and large cell  
5 carcinoma can be used interchangeably?

6 A. Yes, in general. There are unsaid, unspoken  
7 things here; in that, if features of adenocarcinoma were  
8 seen, they would have been mentioned.

9 If features of squamous cell carcinoma were  
10 seen, they would be mentioned, and apparently there was  
11 something in this that made somebody think it might be  
12 squamous. But absent those, the two terms are more or  
13 less synonymous.

14 Q. So for your purposes, if there are not enough  
15 features that you feel confident making a squamous  
16 diagnosis, there are not enough features that you feel  
17 confident to make an adeno diagnosis, then you would make  
18 a large cell diagnosis, is that correct, if you're  
19 confident that it's not a small cell --

20 A. If there's a fair amount of tissue. If there's  
21 a very small amount of tissue, or if I see things that  
22 make me think that if I simply had more tissue, I could  
23 say that it was adeno or squamous, then I would call it  
24 non-small cell, without committing myself to calling it  
25 large cell.

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1 But if I've got a fair amount of tissue and I  
2 don't see evidence of any other differentiation, then I'd  
3 call it large cell.

4 Q. Okay. Do you use the term large cell and  
5 poorly-differentiated non-small cell carcinoma  
6 interchangeably?

7 A. No, no, I don't. And if I said non-small cell,  
8 what I'm saying is that I haven't got enough tissue to  
9 classify it further; whereas, if I call it large cell, I'm  
10 saying there is enough tissue here for me to reasonably  
11 exclude adeno or squamous.

12 Q. So, again, what morphological features in your  
13 review of the December '95 pathology were consistent with  
14 large cell cancer?

15 A. I would have seen fairly large cells. I would  
16 have seen fairly large nuclei. I probably --

17 Q. I'm sorry to interrupt you, Doctor. Now, are  
18 you telling me what you remember seeing, or are you basing  
19 it on the fact that you called it a large cell today,  
20 stating that this is what you must have seen?

21 A. I'm basing this on the fact that I made that  
22 diagnosis; this is what I must have seen. I cannot  
23 remember what I actually saw.

24 Q. Sitting here today, can you remember what you  
25 actually saw in December 1995 that would have been

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1 consistent with an adenocarcinoma?

2 A. The size of the cells would probably have been  
3 consistent with adenocarcinoma.

4 Q. Do you actually remember that, or is this based  
5 on your general understanding and knowledge of large cell  
6 cancers?

7 A. I can't remember what the cells look like  
8 exactly, but that had to have been true; otherwise, I  
9 wouldn't have called it large cells. The cells have to be  
10 large.

11 Q. Do you have any specific recollection of  
12 morphological features that would be consistent with an  
13 adenocarcinoma?

14 A. Simply the size of the cells, because  
15 adenocarcinomas have large cells.

16 Q. Do you have any specific recollection of seeing  
17 features that were consistent with an adenocarcinoma, or  
18 again, are we going back to -- you called it a large cell,  
19 therefore --

20 A. Therefore, it's large cell.

21 Q. Right. Therefore, these are the features that  
22 you must have seen?

23 A. No, I cannot remember exactly what these slides  
24 looked like.

25 Q. Okay. And would that be fair for any

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1 histological feature that I ask you about?

2 A. Yes. I wish I had reviewed this particular  
3 material right before I came in here so I would be able to  
4 say exactly.

5 MS. SCHMAHL: Would now be a good time to  
6 take a break for lunch? I know it's pushing noon,  
7 and we're kind of at a fairly decent stopping  
8 point if it's good for y'all.

9 THE DEPONENT: It depends entirely on you.

10 MS. SCHMAHL: Let's take a break, since  
11 we're at a good stopping place, and we can all  
12 grab some lunch, and I need more water.

13 (A luncheon recess transpired.)

14 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

15 Q. Dr. Harley, if I can review -- strike that.

16 Dr. Harley, if I can direct your attention to  
17 Exhibit 2 of your deposition, the back of the last page.

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Can you describe what it is that we're looking  
20 at, please?

21 A. These are handwritten notes made by me on first  
22 reviewing the slides in this case. This appears to be the  
23 original, and has notations at the top indicating surgical  
24 pathology numbers, a medical record number, the name  
25 Samuel Martin Little, with Martin underlined, some dates

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1 of treatment of various types, his birthday, his doctor's  
2 name, a notation regarding smoking in the upper right-hand  
3 corner, a star by the statement, Two nodes with  
4 microscopic remnants at level 5.

5 Q. Do you know which pathology specimen number that  
6 notation corresponds with?

7 A. No.

8 A note regarding his thoracoscopy, 9-96.

9 Q. Then continuing down, a note concerning a CT  
10 scan of October 28th; is that correct?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. The next line says Mark Green talked with  
13 Dr. Skarin at Dana Farber Institute regarding a resulting  
14 (sic) and consultation. And then under that, 11-96, went  
15 to Boston; Skarin not ready until February '97; plan,  
16 taxol.

17 1-23, what's that notation?

18 A. Nodules, dash, striking shrinkage.

19 Q. Does that have to do with his response to  
20 chemotherapy?

21 A. Right, or radiation.

22 And then 4-17, it says, Nodules gone, but left  
23 mid-lung, 3 millimeter nodule present.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. 7-97, okay. 7-31-97, letter Rasmussen to use

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1 marimastat. 11-10, I think it says under that, and of  
2 whatever I was looking at, still okay.  
3 Q. Okay. Directing your attention to the left --  
4 I'm sorry, directing to your attention to the right lower  
5 corner, there are what appear to be pathology specimen  
6 numbers with some notes to the side of that; is that  
7 correct?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Can you tell me, please, what you wrote for  
10 SP95-20474?

11 A. It says, "Node with met, large cell," then it  
12 says, "CEA, cut away, but negative."

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. That suggests to me that when the -- that the  
15 specimen was small when it went back and cut slides were  
16 getting out of the region of tumor, but there was still a  
17 little bit left, and that what was there was negative on  
18 CEA stain.

19 Q. Is that -- CEA is carcinoembryonic --

20 A. Adagen, correct.

21 Q. Okay. Continuing down to the SP96-4435, what is  
22 written next to that specimen number?

23 A. That says, "Extensive radiation necrosis of  
24 tumor, little viable tumor," question mark, exclamation  
25 point. I must have been really excited about this,

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1 "radiation change, tumor cells, radiation change, too,"  
2 and then out to the right it says, "radiation change  
3 difficult to evaluate," something like that. Let me see  
4 if I can see that with my glasses off, "smoker's changes"  
5 or "smoking changes."

6 Q. Continuing down to what you wrote beside  
7 SP96-16688, what are your notes on that?

8 A. Metastatic undifferentiated large cell  
9 carcinoma, CEA negative.

10 Q. And then continuing down the -- is this another  
11 specimen number, 98-E-876?

12 A. It is. And next to it, it says, "Mass Gen," for  
13 Massachusetts General, "rib," dash, "normal bone marrow  
14 not," something, "not related."

15 Apparently, the slides must have been sent  
16 somewhere to somebody that had a slide from somebody at  
17 Mass General. And when the slides were sent to me, that  
18 got stuck in here, so I don't think that has anything to  
19 do with Martin Little. That was somebody else's bone,  
20 rib.

21 Q. So that was somebody else's slide in that set,  
22 as far as you know?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. To your knowledge, are the notes that are on the  
25 back of the last page of Exhibit 2 the only notes that you

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1 made?

2 A. So far as I remember. I didn't really remember  
3 this distinctly, but as I said, usually when I sit down at  
4 the microscope and look at slides, I use the back of a  
5 surgical path report and write notes. Oftentimes, they're  
6 more detailed than this, but this is probably all I did in  
7 this case.

8 Q. And there is nothing on the back of this page  
9 that would be a slide-by-slide analysis of each of these  
10 pathology specimens?

11 A. Oftentimes I do that, but apparently in this  
12 case, I did not.

13 Q. Did you have an opportunity, during the break  
14 for lunch, to go through your records or to look through  
15 your materials to see if you did have any additional  
16 notes?

17 A. No, I did not. The fact that this is the  
18 original strikes me as interesting, I don't usually do  
19 that, but I may have made notes right on something that  
20 was sent to me.

21 The other thing that I wanted to look for was  
22 the mysterious Dr. Roggli report, and I think we settled  
23 that, the fact that I just wrote down the wrong date.

24 (DFT. EXH. 28, Surgical Pathology Report  
25 dated 3/12/96, was marked for

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1 identification.)

2 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

3 Q. Dr. Harley, let me hand you what has been marked  
4 as Exhibit 28 to your deposition. For identification,  
5 Exhibit 28 is a surgical pathology report dated March  
6 12th, 1996, based on pathology materials collected on  
7 March 11th, 1996. And this pathology report carries the  
8 extension number SP96-04435; is that correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Turning your attention to -- back to Exhibit 6,  
11 which is your expert report, the second page, where you're  
12 discussing your review of slides. The slides designated  
13 SP96-4425 correspond to the surgical pathology report,  
14 Exhibit 28, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Do you know whether the 18 slides you received  
17 were all the slides available from March of 1996?

18 A. I can't really tell, with certainty, from  
19 looking at this report. I think they were. We can, as  
20 I've mentioned, look back in the computer at the lab  
21 results and see how many were cut, but I really don't know  
22 from looking at this.

23 Q. Okay. Do you remember or can you tell by  
24 looking at Exhibit 28, whether you reviewed the original  
25 set of slides that Mr. Little's treating pathologist

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1 reviewed, or did it include re-cuts?

2 A. I don't know from looking at this.

3 Q. The slides designated as SP96-4435 contain  
4 biopsy material from Mr. Little's left lung and its  
5 lateral lymph nodes; is that correct?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Did you take any photomicrographs of the  
8 pathology slides from March of 1996?

9 A. I don't think so. Wait a minute. This is the  
10 one I took, isn't it?

11 No, these are all the photomicros I took, and I  
12 think they are all labeled 16688; are they not?

13 Q. Yes, to the best of my knowledge.

14 A. Okay. That's all I took, then.

15 Q. So the answer would be no --

16 A. The answer is no.

17 Q. -- as far as photomicrographs.

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Let me just clear up what I believe is probably  
20 just a typo. On the first page of your expert report, you  
21 designate the slides at SP96-4435, which corresponds to  
22 the pathology report in front of you, which is Exhibit 28.

23 A. Right.

24 Q. And on the second page, where it says 96-4425,  
25 talking about the same slides --

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1 A. It should be 35.

2 Q. Sitting here today, could you, if I asked,  
3 describe the histological features of each of the slides  
4 that you reviewed?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Could you describe which slides contained large  
7 cell morphological features?

8 A. I don't think I saw any other types of features,  
9 so anything with cancer in it would have that pattern.

10 Q. But could you specifically identify -- you're  
11 not contending that all of the path samples had active  
12 tumor in it, are you?

13 A. No, but I did not disagree with the surgical  
14 path report. So in any of those slides where cancer was  
15 found, I thought it was large cell.

16 Q. Could you, today, tell which of the slides that  
17 you looked at had features that would be consistent with  
18 an adenocarcinoma?

19 A. I can only speak generally, in that there are  
20 certain features that large cells and adenos share which  
21 would have been present in all of these with the cancers,  
22 but there must not have been any significant  
23 adenocarcinoma pattern, because I didn't remark on it.

24 Q. And you're aware from the notes that you made on  
25 the last page of Exhibit 2, that this pathology material

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1 was collected after Mr. Little had begun radiation and  
2 chemotherapy, correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And I believe that you noted in your review of  
5 the March '96 pathology materials that there was  
6 significant necrosis; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Would you agree with Dr. Thomas Carico; is that  
9 correct --

10 A. Carico.

11 Q. -- Carico, and Dr. Timothy Smith, that nearly  
12 all of the tumor is necrotic?

13 Do you see that on Exhibit 28, on the last page,  
14 under diagnosis, there is a comment that says, quote,  
15 nearly all of the tumor is necrotic, only microscopic  
16 remnants are present?

17 A. My memory of this is that there was a great deal  
18 of necrosis, but that there was a fair amount of viable  
19 cancer left. A lot of it changed by the radiation. I  
20 remember this because it was an interesting-looking  
21 change, unusual looking.

22 But in general, there was a great deal of  
23 necrosis, whether one would say nearly all or not would  
24 depend on what one's concept of "nearly all" is.

25 Q. So you would agree that there was a great deal

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1 of necrosis, but maybe wouldn't go so far to say that  
2 nearly all of the cancer was necrotic, is that correct?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Is there anything inconsistent with the findings  
5 of the diagnosing pathologist in March of 1996, where he  
6 diagnosed the cancer as being poorly-differentiated  
7 carcinoma and your finding that it was large cell  
8 carcinoma?

9 A. I wouldn't disagree with their calling this  
10 poorly-differentiated carcinoma. I had the advantage of  
11 looking at all of the material at once. And they may very  
12 well have done the same thing, too. In fact, they  
13 probably did, since it was called squamous at one point  
14 prior to this.

15 But I wouldn't disagree with they're calling it  
16 poorly-differentiated carcinoma, large cell, not small  
17 cell.

18 Q. But my question was, is there anything  
19 inconsistent with their diagnosis of poorly-differentiated  
20 carcinoma and your diagnosis of large cell?

21 A. No. I think we're talking about the same thing,  
22 and that, part of the reason I called it large cell is for  
23 the sake of consistency, that that's what it had been, and  
24 even though it was changed by radiation, I didn't think it  
25 was a different tumor that occurred.

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1 Q. So because you saw what you believe to be large  
2 cell in the 1995 pathology materials, when you were  
3 examining the slides taken from the March of 1996  
4 pathology, that helped support your opinion that it was a  
5 large cell; is that correct?

6 A. Right. I thought it was the same tumor.

7 Q. Do you have any recollection as to whether, just  
8 looking at the March of 1996 pathology, you would have  
9 diagnosed it or could have diagnosed it as a large cell  
10 carcinoma?

11 A. I think I could have said that it was not small  
12 cell.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. And beyond that, considering the degree of  
15 necrosis and damage that was there, I think I probably  
16 would have had difficulty further classifying it.

17 Q. Now, I just want to clarify with you some of the  
18 effects of radiation and chemotherapy on both cancer cells  
19 and lung tissue, in general.

20 Would you agree that radiation and chemotherapy  
21 result in necrotic cells?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Would you agree that necrotic cancer cells have  
24 a different appearance than viable active cancer cells?

25 A. Right, I do.

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1 Q. Is it possible to determine cell type under a  
2 microscope by looking solely at necrotic cells?

3 A. No, although one can often say that it's not  
4 small cell, because the cytoplasm is oftentimes still  
5 visible, just not well preserved.

6 Q. But as far as classifying the subcategories of  
7 non-small cell cancer, would that be possible with  
8 necrotic --

9 A. Sometimes, usually not. If there's a nice  
10 keratin pearl, a lot of times that can still be seen, and  
11 you can say, a-ha, squamous.

12 If there are glands, even though they're dead,  
13 they may still look like glands, and you say a-ha,  
14 adenocarcinoma. But oftentimes, after radiation,  
15 chemotherapy or tumor necrosis just de novo --

16 COURT REPORTER: Or what? I'm sorry.

17 THE DEPONENT: D-e, n-o-v-o -- one cannot  
18 categorize the tumors.

19 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

20 Q. Do you see cancer cells that are at the  
21 periphery of an area of necrotic tissue; would they look  
22 different?

23 A. If the necrosis were caused by radiation and  
24 perhaps by chemotherapy, but certainly radiation, they  
25 frequently do look different, not always, but usually they

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1 do.

2 Q. And what we're talking about is the live cancer  
3 cells?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. So if you have an area of necrosis, and then you  
6 have an area of viable tumor, the viable tumors that abut  
7 the necrotic cells will often look different; is that  
8 correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Would they often look atypical?

11 A. Well, atypicality is a term that is usually  
12 applied to benign cells that have some changes resembling  
13 cancer.

14 So when it's used in describing a cancer cell,  
15 it's usually used in a sense of saying unusually atypical  
16 or remarkably atypical or something like that, because  
17 it's sort of a given that cancer cells are atypical.

18 Q. If you had adeno cells that were live and they  
19 were abutting a large area of necrotic cells, would they  
20 look different than the typical adenocarcinoma cells?

21 A. They could. They frequently do.

22 Q. Directing your attention back to the review of  
23 slides on Exhibit 6, page 2, continuing on with your  
24 analysis of the March 1996 pathology, you state that  
25 radiation changes are noted in the lung away from the

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1 tumor as well.

2 Do you mean radiation changes in the left lung,  
3 in the left uninvolved lung, or in the right lung?

4 A. Exactly -- oh, this is under 4425?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. This is radiation change in the lung adjacent to  
7 the tumor seen under the microscope.

8 Q. So this would be the left lung, but in the area  
9 of the lung that was not -- that did not have tumor  
10 involvement?

11 A. That did not have tumor in it, correct.

12 Q. Other than necrotic cancer cells, fibrosis, and  
13 cancer cells that had an unusual morphological feature,  
14 did you see any other radiation changes?

15 A. Well, yes, there was a lot of radiation change  
16 in the previously normal tissue which had been damaged by  
17 the radiation, resulting in fibrosis and cellular atypia  
18 and leakage of nuclear proteins out of the nuclei and that  
19 sort of thing.

20 Q. Let's continue down in your expert report to  
21 your review of SP96-16688.

22 Let me hand you what was marked in your previous  
23 deposition as Exhibit 22. The pathology slides that you  
24 reviewed correspond to Exhibit 22; is that correct?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Those that are designated SP96-16688, right?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And that was the pathology report created on

4 September 18th, 1996?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. In the fifth sentence on page 2 of your

7 report, and I'm referring back to Exhibit 6, you wrote,

8 quote, numerous small nodules appeared in both lungs and

9 one of these was removed by thorascopy. This material is

10 represented by the 14 slides labeled SP96-16688, correct?

11 A. Correct, yes.

12 Q. Okay. Is it your understanding that the 14

13 slides you received for the September 1996 pathology all

14 came from a single nodule?

15 A. I think that was my understanding. It occurred

16 to me that I usually Xerox copies of the slides, and I may

17 have done that in this case, and I may have sent Ness,

18 Motley back a copy of that, and you may have a copy of it.

19 The Xerox copies of the slides, which include

20 the labels, would say whether they were re-cuts or not and

21 what special stains were there and that sort of thing.

22 The report here, now, coming back to this

23 particular specimen, says, "received fresh, for

24 intraoperative examination, is an approximately 4

25 centimeter lobe of lung. A representative section is

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1 frozen. The remainder of the tissue is set aside in A-2."

2 Q. Was it correct that there were actually, looking

3 under the tissue source on Exhibit 22, at the top, that

4 there were actually two nodes that were taken?

5 A. It looks as though there were two biopsies

6 taken. There's A from the right lower lobe, and B, also

7 from the right lower lobe.

8 Q. Okay. And sitting here today --

9 A. And A is a -- there's a typo in the diagnosis in

10 which they say biopsy of left lower lobe, and then below

11 that, the second specimen, excision biopsy right lower

12 lobe.

13 The tissue source, A and B, both say right lower

14 lobe. So what was there is two biopsies from the right

15 lower lobe.

16 Q. Okay. So I just want to clarify. In your

17 expert report, where you say that you looked at pathology

18 from one nodule, would that be correct?

19 A. Probably not. I probably -- and 14 slides is an

20 awful lot of slides to come from one nodule. It's much

21 more likely that I looked at two, that I looked at

22 specimens from two nodules, but both from the right lower

23 lobe.

24 Q. And one nodule was positive for cancer and one

25 was negative for cancer; is that correct?

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And the treating pathologist who prepared

3 Exhibit 22 found focal fibrosis and changes suggestive of

4 pneumonia in the tissue sample A; isn't that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Mr. Little's treating pathologist also diagnosed

7 tissue sample B as a poorly-differentiated carcinoma; is

8 that correct?

9 A. Correct, yes.

10 Q. Is there anything inconsistent with your

11 findings of large cell carcinoma in this tissue sample

12 taken from September of 1996, and the diagnosis made by

13 the treating pathologist?

14 A. No. I think large cell is slightly more

15 specific than poorly-differentiated in that

16 poorly-differentiated could be a small cell or a large

17 cell, and it's important that it not be thought to be

18 small cell.

19 So I think this is just simply, again, keeping

20 the diagnosis consistent and saying that we think this is

21 the same cancer, using the same term that was used in the

22 previous report.

23 Q. And under which, biopsy of sample B which was

24 positive for cancer was very small; is that correct?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. They note that it was less than a half a

2 centimeter in diameter; is that correct?

3 A. It says approximately 0.5 centimeters, yes. And

4 then in the diagnosis, it says maximum dimension, 0.5

5 centimeters.

6 Q. So that's at the biggest point?

7 A. Pretty much a half a centimeter tumor.

8 Q. Which is, for us non-metric types, about a

9 quarter of an inch; is that correct?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. If you had examined the slides taken in

12 September of 1996, without the benefit of having examined

13 the December 1995 and the March of 1996 pathology slides,

14 could you have made a diagnosis of large cell?

15 A. I think I would have. I think the photographs

16 that I took were from this one, because it seemed to have

17 the clearer histology; it hadn't been affected by

18 radiation directly.

19 Q. So even with --

20 A. I definitely would have said it was not small

21 cell. And in the absence of features of adenocarcinoma or

22 squamous cell carcinoma, I probably would have said it's

23 large cell carcinoma.

24 Q. But you did find, at least, some features that

25 were consistent with adenocarcinoma; is that correct? You



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1 did find at least one slide where there was active tumor  
2 involvement where it appeared that the cancer was trying  
3 to create a gland.

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Is it correct that with a very, very small  
6 biopsy sample, that it is more difficult to be able to  
7 differentiate between a large cell and perhaps what would  
8 ultimately be an adenocarcinoma or a squamous cell?

9 A. The smaller the sample, the more difficult to  
10 subcategorize, yes.

11 Q. Have we discussed fully the photomicrographs  
12 that you took from this September of 1996 pathology  
13 material?

14 A. I should say so.

15 Q. Okay. Have we fully discussed your review of  
16 the September of 1996 pathology materials?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Going back to your expert report, starting at  
19 the bottom of page 2 --

20 (The proceedings were interrupted.)

21 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

22 Q. Do you need to get that?

23 A. Just a moment.

24 Could we stop for just a second?

25 Q. Sure.

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1 Q. Is that still the case today?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. It would be Mr. Little's oncologist who would be  
4 responsible for establishing the course of treatment; is  
5 that correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Do you agree that Mr. Little's treating  
8 oncologists are in the best position to assess the  
9 clinical course of his treatment?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And in this case, Mr. Turrisi, Dr. Turrisi was  
12 Mr. Little's radiation oncologist; is that correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. In fact, Dr. Turrisi is the head of the  
15 radiation, oncology department; is that correct?

16 A. He is.

17 Q. Let me read you a passage from Dr. Turrisi's  
18 testimony that was given in this case on January 7, and  
19 ask whether you agree or disagree.

20 And for the record, I'm reading from page 50 of  
21 Dr. Turrisi's transcript.

22 Dr. Turrisi -- I'll give this to you to look at.

23 (Tendered document.)

24 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

25 Q. There at the top of page 50, states that, quote,

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1 (Off the record.)

2 MS. SCHMAHL: Madonna, can you read where  
3 we were when we left off?

4 (The Court Reporter read the question  
5 commencing on page 316, line 15 and concluding on  
6 page 316, line 19.)

7 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

8 Q. Returning to your expert report, which is  
9 Exhibit 6, towards the bottom of the second page, you  
10 start a section called Summary and Comment. Do you see it  
11 there?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Looking at the second sentence of that section,  
14 you state, quote, The cancer responds to chemotherapy and  
15 radiation, comma, and the main tumor mass was removed,  
16 comma, but the tumor behaved in typical fashion and  
17 recurred, end quote.

18 The cancer spread to involve both lungs; is that  
19 correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, when you testified in 1997 in the Karbiwnyk  
22 trial, you testified that you were not generally involved  
23 in prescribing chemotherapy and radiation treatments; is  
24 that correct?

25 A. That's true.

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1 Mr. Little's lung cancer is not the garden variety of  
2 squamous cancer. It did behave differently in my  
3 experience and in most people's experience. I've talked  
4 about him to people around the world a number of times  
5 about how he responded to the chemotherapy and how well he  
6 responded and how well he lived.

7 Do you agree with Dr. Turrisi's opinion that  
8 Mr. Little's response to treatment and quality of life  
9 were not typical of a squamous cancer?

10 A. Well, I'm certainly not going to disagree with  
11 Dr. Turrisi about clinical response of lung cancer to  
12 radiation therapy. And so I do agree with him.

13 And I think that in my summary, when I say the  
14 cancer responded and the tumor behaved in typical fashion  
15 and recurred, all I meant is that most people who get  
16 treated for lung cancer eventually suffer recurrence, that  
17 the tumor usually comes back and usually kills them, in  
18 fact, nearly always.

19 And that's the -- that's what I meant by the  
20 word "typical."

21 Q. So you are --

22 A. Now, there are other features of Mr. Little's  
23 case which are not the usual response.

24 Q. So in that statement and your summary and  
25 comment about the cancer's response, you weren't meaning

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1 to express an opinion on his clinical course; is that  
2 correct?

3 A. Right. All I -- well, yes, in that it's been my  
4 experience that after people are treated for lung cancer  
5 with chemotherapy and radiation, that the cancer almost  
6 always comes back, recurs, and kills them. That's just  
7 what it does. And that's all I meant by that.

8 I didn't mean that his response was not unusual  
9 or that the pattern of spread was not unusual. And  
10 Dr. Turrisi was talking about the typical squamous cell  
11 cancer, and this certainly is not like that.

12 Q. Okay. If I could get you to turn to the next  
13 page, which is page 51 of Dr. Turrisi's January 7th  
14 deposition.

15 A. Okay. Next page?

16 Q. Uh-huh. Dr. Turrisi also testified, quote, I  
17 agree with what you said about this, that his pattern  
18 spread the way he behaved. If you had asked me to  
19 describe this for you, I'd say it's like a BAC.

20 Would you agree that Mr. Little's cancer  
21 actually spread like a BAC?

22 A. In that he had multiple intrapulmonary  
23 metastases, that is one of the things that BAC does, yes.

24 Q. Do you --

25 A. However, the diagnosis of BAC is -- needs to be

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1 made by the pathologist. It has to look like one.

2 Q. Right now, I'm just talking about clinical  
3 course.

4 A. Right.

5 Q. Clinical course, do you have any reason to  
6 disagree that the metastatic spread of Mr. Little's  
7 disease was most consistent with a BAC?

8 A. No, this is very much like what a BAC can do.

9 Q. Okay. If you turn your attention to page 54,  
10 which is, again, Dr. Turrisi's January 7th deposition,  
11 Dr. Turrisi testified that Mr. Little's clinical course  
12 was more typical of a BAC than an adeno, and more typical  
13 of an adeno than a squamous cell cancer.

14 Do you see that reference?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. Do you agree with Dr. Turrisi's opinion that,  
17 clinically, Mr. Little's BAC -- I'm sorry, strike that.

18 Would you agree with Dr. Turrisi, that the  
19 clinical course of Mr. Little's cancer was more consistent  
20 with a BAC than any other form of cancer?

21 A. The pattern of spread multiple lung nodules is  
22 more like a BAC, certainly, than a squamous cell. Of  
23 course, BAC is an adenocarcinoma, and the usual solid  
24 adenocarcinoma oftentimes will go -- will spread through  
25 the lung that it starts in, go to the pleura and go to

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1 other organs to a greater degree than happened in this  
2 case before it spreads to the other lung.

3 So this pattern is not, from the standpoint of  
4 radiology, and where the tumor went first, is not  
5 inconsistent with a BAC.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I mean, it's -- it's -- I wouldn't say  
8 characteristic, but it's fairly typical of BAC. Again,  
9 Dr. Turrisi has more experience with radiologic patterns  
10 than I do.

11 Q. Okay. My question is, do you have any reason to  
12 disagree with Dr. Turrisi's opinion that Mr. Little's  
13 clinical course was more consistent with a BAC than any  
14 other form of cancer?

15 A. I guess if he says so, it must be right.

16 My experience with BACs is that they do not  
17 respond very well to radiation or chemotherapy. I think  
18 that this tumor responded better to radiation and  
19 chemotherapy than the usual BAC. BAC is usually a very  
20 well-differentiated tumor. The tumor cells are more  
21 nearly like normal cells.

22 In order to get a good response from the tumor,  
23 the tumor needs to be different from the normal tissue.  
24 Otherwise, you end up with necrosis of a lot of normal  
25 tissue.

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1 The nice thing about radiation, unlike  
2 chemotherapy is it can be directed a lot more  
3 specifically. So -- and this is a very good radiation  
4 oncology department. They're very good at getting the  
5 radiation in from a lot of different angles so that it  
6 concentrates into the tumor.

7 And I don't know whether this remarkable  
8 response was because of their expertise mostly, or because  
9 of -- some innate peculiarity of the tumor, exactly what.

10 But in most cases, a BAC that I've seen, the  
11 response to chemotherapy has been not very good, and the  
12 response to radiation has been not very good, because the  
13 tumor's, almost by definition, well-differentiated. So in  
14 that respect, I think this is unusual.

15 Now, Dr. Turrisi knows a lot more about this  
16 than I do, and the oncologists do, too. I think this is a  
17 little -- this would be unusual behavior for a BAC to my  
18 way of thinking.

19 Q. Are you -- have you had a great deal of  
20 experience with the protocol that Mr. Little was  
21 undergoing?

22 A. No, have not.

23 Q. Do you have any information or idea on what the  
24 response of different cell types has been to that  
25 particular protocol?

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1 A. I think it's been working fairly well. That's  
2 been my impression, from listening to people talk. And I  
3 know that Mr. Little was disappointed that he couldn't be  
4 included in the therapy in Boston that he went there for,  
5 but as I remember it, he responded quite well when he came  
6 back to the protocol that he was put on.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. So obviously in his case, it seemed to work  
9 fairly well.

10 Q. Would it be fair to say that, at least with  
11 respect to Mr. Little's clinical course and what cell type  
12 it was most consistent with, you would defer to  
13 Mr. Little's oncologist?

14 A. Absolutely, positively.

15 Q. Returning back to your expert report, Exhibit 6,  
16 in the summary and comment section at the bottom of page  
17 2, actually at the very bottom of page 2, you write that  
18 cigarette smoking causes most lung cancers, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And that this is common knowledge and accepted  
21 throughout the medical/scientific community?

22 Is it fair to say that your opinion is based  
23 upon epidemiological data?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. In the Karbiwnyk case in 1997, you testified --

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1 if you'd look at page 170 of the Karbiwnyk transcript, you  
2 were asked, Would you agree that epidemiology looks at the  
3 association between agents and conditions and disease and  
4 population groups? And you responded yes. Right?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. And then you were asked, And that isn't designed  
7 to try to prove causation in an individual person's  
8 disease, and you responded, That's correct; is that right?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Do you still agree that epidemiologic data is  
11 designed to assess statistical associations and not  
12 causation?

13 A. Yes, although it certainly sheds some light on  
14 causation.

15 Q. Certainly. Continuing, if you would, in the  
16 Karbiwnyk deposition transcript, it starts at the bottom  
17 of page 170 and then continues on to page 171. You were  
18 asked, continuing that same line of questioning, And that  
19 epidemiology is based upon statistics, and you responded  
20 yes. Correct?

21 A. I responded exactly -- oh, yes. I said, Yes,  
22 epidemiology is based upon statistics; I said yes, yes.

23 Q. And then the follow-up question was, And that  
24 statistics are not very helpful in trying to ascertain one  
25 person's illness. And you responded, Exactly.

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you still agree that epidemiology is based  
3 upon statistics?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you still agree that statistics are not very  
6 helpful in determining the cause of a specific person's  
7 disease?

8 A. Gosh, I hate to disagree with myself. It's  
9 obvious that any one case can be different. Statistics  
10 are not very helpful in trying to ascertain one person's  
11 illness.

12 Q. And you responded, exactly. Correct?

13 A. I did. I think I know what I was talking about,  
14 and I still think that there's a lot of -- that there's a  
15 lot of room for argument in any one case in a statistical  
16 population. But that after the results are in, and some  
17 ideas about causation have been inferred, that they can be  
18 applied to any individual case, and you can say that it's  
19 more likely that any individual case was caused by  
20 whatever you decided was causing the general problem.

21 Q. And that actually is --

22 A. I mean, I hate to beat around the bush like  
23 that, but this is kind of hard to do.

24 Q. Yeah, and actually the testimony you've just  
25 given is, would you agree, exactly opposite of your

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1 testimony in 1997, where when asked the same question,  
2 that they were not helpful, your response was, Exactly.  
3 And today your testimony is that, in fact, they are very  
4 helpful in determining a specific person's disease; is  
5 that correct?

6 A. I think they are very helpful in specific cases.

7 Q. What has changed --

8 A. Although in an individual case, there's always,  
9 you know, room for doubt. And that individual case has to  
10 be looked at to see how well it matches the rest of the  
11 cases.

12 Q. Okay. And what has changed between when you  
13 gave your sworn testimony in 1997 and today that would  
14 cause you to have an opposite answer? Have you reviewed  
15 any new statistical data?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Have you conducted any research?

18 A. No, I think I'm just thinking about it  
19 differently.

20 Q. And how is that? Would you explain that?

21 A. When the question was asked originally -- and I  
22 notice that for some reason there's an objection to the  
23 form of the question. I have no idea what the lawyers are  
24 talking about there.

25 But when I was asked that originally, it

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1 immediately brought to mind the fact that it's hard to  
2 apply a statistical inclusion to any one -- conclusion to  
3 any one case, off the bat, without further thinking.

4 For instance, if one said that eight or nine out  
5 of ten people with lung cancer are cigarette smokers, and  
6 you picked an individual person out of a crowd, and you  
7 said, all of these people have lung cancer, is that person  
8 a smoker? I couldn't say with absolute certainty.

9 I could say, well, the statistics would say that  
10 I'll be right if I say yes, 80 or 90 percent of the time.  
11 And I'll be wrong if I say yes, 10 or 20 percent of the  
12 time.

13 So I think that statistics can be useful in  
14 individual cases. And I notice that before I answered  
15 with the one word "exactly," now I've amplified on it  
16 perhaps too much, but I think what I've just said reflects  
17 what I think more accurately than what I thought before.

18 Q. Okay. Would you agree that an animal study in  
19 which human type lung cancer was induced from whole  
20 cigarette smoke, would be a far superior means of showing  
21 causation?

22 A. Than statistics?

23 Q. Than statistics, yes.

24 A. If -- again, I wish I could answer that cleanly  
25 and shortly.

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1 Q. Let me rephrase the question then.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. As a scientist, would you prefer to rely on  
4 statistics or animal models?

5 A. I think in my experience, that I'm a little  
6 leery of both of them, but that statistics have given me  
7 more interesting insights into human disease than animal  
8 models.

9 There are a lot of animal models that are  
10 precise and exact and tell an answer, but there are more  
11 animal models that are slightly off the mark, that produce  
12 some disease that's not at all what one sees in people,  
13 because the animals are different, more often because the  
14 exposure is different.

15 So I think I trust statistics a little more than  
16 I do animal models. And in each case, I have to look at  
17 the individual question and make up my own mind about how  
18 the study was done.

19 Q. Okay. In this case, what epidemiological  
20 studies are you relying upon for your opinion that  
21 cigarette smoking causes most lung cancer?

22 A. It's been so long since I collected these, that  
23 it's hard to state, but the ones in the early Surgeon  
24 General's report come to mind and the original Doll  
25 studies, I think English-smoking doctors, started off

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1 telling the story quite well.

2 And it then -- which ones are the best out of  
3 thousands? I'm not sure. I like the early ones.

4 Q. The ones that come to mind are the  
5 English-smoking doctors. The ones that are in the Surgeon  
6 General's report, are those referred to CPS-2; I believe  
7 they're something like current population studies?

8 A. Yeah, I would -- if you gave me the Surgeon  
9 General's report, I could probably go through and pick out  
10 the ones that I've actually read sort of carefully and  
11 believed more.

12 Q. Now, would you agree that many substances have a  
13 statistical association with lung cancer?

14 A. That, I'm sorry?

15 Q. Many substances have a statistical association  
16 with lung cancer?

17 A. Oh, yes.

18 Q. Would you agree that epidemiological data has  
19 shown a statistical association independent of cigarette  
20 smoke for the following: Radon?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Asbestos?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Caustic agents?

25 A. They can.

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1 Q. Exposure to carcinogens in the workplace --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- also known as occupational exposures?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And those would be the type of carcinogens that  
6 are tracked by OSHA, the government Occupational Safety  
7 and Health Office; is that correct?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. There have been statistical studies about a  
10 high-fat diet having a relationship to lung cancer; is  
11 that correct?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Alcohol?

14 A. There have been some. There have been others,  
15 more that found no clear relationship.

16 Q. So some studies say yes, some studies say no?

17 A. Right, if the smoking question can be fully  
18 excluded from it, I don't see a relationship.

19 Q. How about opiates?

20 A. Opiates.

21 Q. Use of opiates?

22 A. There are some studies that suggest that.

23 Q. Genetics?

24 A. Absolutely.

25 Q. A family history of cancer?

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. Previous non-neoplastic lung infections?  
 3 A. Right.  
 4 Q. Let me hand you what will be marked as Exhibit  
 5 29.  
 6 (DFT. EXH. 29, 3/90 Article entitled  
 7 "Pulmonary Reactions from Illicit  
 8 Substance Abuse," from Clinics in Chest  
 9 Medicine Journal, was marked for  
 10 identification.)  
 11 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 12 Q. For identification, Exhibit 29 is an article  
 13 entitled "Pulmonary Reactions from Illicit Substance  
 14 Abuse," and it is dated March 1990; is that correct?  
 15 A. Correct.  
 16 Q. And you are one of the authors of Exhibit 29.  
 17 A. Right.  
 18 Q. Your article was published in the Journal of  
 19 Clinics in Chest Medicine; is that correct?  
 20 A. Clinics in Chest Medicine, yes.  
 21 Q. Is that a peer review journal?  
 22 A. I'm not sure. I participated in this with Drs.  
 23 Heffner and Schabel, and John Heffner is really the first  
 24 who wrote this.  
 25 Q. Is it --

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1 A. And then I sort of corrected parts of it and  
 2 showed the photomicrographs that are here and wrote most  
 3 of that section of it.  
 4 Q. So you did review the entire article, I take it?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Did you also review the end notes that are cited  
 7 in the back of Exhibit 29?  
 8 A. I did, but these were -- most of these were  
 9 chosen by Dr. Heffner, and I did not read all of these,  
 10 these references.  
 11 Q. So you have authored an article where you are  
 12 not certain whether the articles and studies that you rely  
 13 upon in the article are good science; is that correct?  
 14 MR. EVANS: Object to the form.  
 15 THE DEPONENT: I would say that the ones that  
 16 refer to any section in the section that I wrote,  
 17 I must have believed anything I referred to.  
 18 The ones that Dr. Heffner referred to, I  
 19 would assume, because I think of him of being an  
 20 excellent scientist and physician, are probably  
 21 well-chosen.  
 22 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 23 Q. Can you tell me, please, by page number, which  
 24 of the sections that you actually wrote in Exhibit 29?  
 25 A. Okay. Go to page 154 -- I'm sorry, let's go to

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1 153.  
 2 Q. Okay. Where does your section start?  
 3 A. I inserted various things on page 153; the  
 4 photomicrographs on 154, I took; the legends having to do  
 5 with the photomicrographs, I wrote.  
 6 Q. Is there any text where you have written the  
 7 entire section or primarily the entire section?  
 8 A. I don't think so. I think the only things that  
 9 I was -- that I wrote without much revision by  
 10 Dr. Heffner, are the description of the figures, the  
 11 little legends, and the remaining things that are in here  
 12 that I wrote would be individual sentences and statements  
 13 that I stuck in on a base that he had already written.  
 14 Q. Okay. In Exhibit 29, your article studied,  
 15 among other things, the harmful affects of marijuana and  
 16 cocaine on the lungs; is that correct?  
 17 A. Right.  
 18 Q. Marijuana and cocaine are both opiates, right?  
 19 A. I wouldn't exactly classify them that way, but  
 20 you can use them that way, yeah, yes.  
 21 Q. If you would, please turn to the last sentence  
 22 on page 158 which continues on to page 159. Your article  
 23 states that, quote, Marijuana is poorly combustible,  
 24 producing 50 percent more polyaromatic hydrocarbons  
 25 compared with tobacco and more tar sterols and other

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1 products that are irritative to airway mucosa; is that  
 2 correct?  
 3 A. Right. This is giving a reference number to  
 4 105, I think.  
 5 Q. Do you still agree with that statement?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Okay. Then, at least according to what was  
 8 published here in your article in 1990, the substances in  
 9 cigarette smoke that are believed to be cancer causing,  
 10 are also present in marijuana smoke, correct?  
 11 A. Some of them are, yes.  
 12 Q. The polyaromatic hydrocarbons?  
 13 A. Right.  
 14 Q. Tars?  
 15 A. There certainly are carcinogens in marijuana.  
 16 Q. And at least according to your article, they're  
 17 present in considerably higher amounts, is that correct,  
 18 50 percent more?  
 19 A. Right, although the smoking patterns aren't the  
 20 same.  
 21 Q. Can you please tell me what is a Valsalva (ph)  
 22 maneuver that's referenced further down on page 159?  
 23 A. It refers to a matter of holding the breath,  
 24 pushing -- increasing pressure into the chest alters  
 25 venous return to the heart.

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1 Q. Is this something that is unique to marijuana  
2 smoking and other types of illicit drugs?

3 A. The deep inhalation and holding the breath can  
4 change the deposition of tiny particles. I think that's  
5 what that refers to. Is that what you're getting around  
6 to?

7 Q. I guess what I'm asking is, is the Valsalva's  
8 maneuver something that cigarette smokers do when  
9 typically smoking?

10 A. No, I don't think so; I've never seen one do  
11 that.

12 Q. Okay. Cigarette smokers typically have a full  
13 inhalation with cigarettes? Are you aware of any  
14 published literature to that affect?

15 A. Well, there's a whole lot of literature on  
16 patterns to smoking, and I think I've already stated that  
17 I'm not an expert on that. I've read a modest amount of  
18 that, and I've watched people smoke, and the patterns vary  
19 all over the board.

20 Q. What is the affect on the Valsalva's maneuver  
21 with depositing substances in the lung?

22 A. The -- primarily the holding of the breath, so  
23 that small particles will have an opportunity to be moved  
24 around in the lung and -- let me see if I can state this  
25 more clearly.

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1 When smoke is inhaled into the lung, the airflow  
2 that one associates with inhalation actually stops at the  
3 respiratory bronchiole, so that the particles in the smoke  
4 actually don't go very far out in the lung by the mass  
5 flow of air.

6 When they get to that point, the airflow more or  
7 less stops, and the molecules of oxygen then go out into  
8 parts of the lung where there are fewer molecules.  
9 Molecules of carbon dioxide do exactly opposite, move back  
10 up to the bronchioles.

11 And in this rush of molecules in and out,  
12 particles of smoke that are hanging there in the air jump  
13 around. They get hit, essentially, by all these moving  
14 molecules and bounced around all over the place, so that  
15 the tiny particles of smoke bounce around, actually move  
16 farther out into the lung, and if they come close to a  
17 wall of an alveolus and get bounced into it, they stick.  
18 So once they stick, they can be absorbed into the  
19 bloodstream. And if there's a chemical there, the effect  
20 of that will enter the bloodstream.

21 If the particle containing the chemical never  
22 encounters the wall of an alveolus or a bronchus, if it  
23 just hangs there, and then is exhaled, it obviously can't  
24 do anything. The drug that's in it is never delivered.

25 So in the case of cigarette smoke, you see the

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1 smoke go in, then you smoke come back out. Smoke that  
2 comes back out has never hit a wall, has not entered the  
3 body, and it's only about 50 percent of the smoke that  
4 went in, the other half is still in there somewhere, but  
5 what comes out is never delivered in the form of a  
6 pharmaceutical dose.

7 The Valsalva maneuver, just simply holding  
8 breath, in fact, can increase the dose of any substance  
9 that is hanging there in the smoke particles. They have  
10 longer to hit a wall.

11 COURT REPORTER: They have what?

12 THE DEPONENT: Longer, more time to hit a  
13 wall.

14 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

15 Q. Turning back to page 171 of your Karbiwnyk  
16 deposition transcript --

17 A. Which one is it? That's Turrisi's.

18 Q. That's Turrisi's.

19 A. Karbiwnyk.

20 Q. On top.

21 A. Okay. To page, I'm sorry?

22 Q. 171. It would be fairly close to where we were  
23 reading from previously?

24 A. Right.

25 Q. You had testified in 1997, that statistics can

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1 be frequently misleading. Do you see that question and  
2 answer?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Do you still agree that statistics can be  
5 frequently misleading?

6 A. Yes, they can.

7 Q. Do you agree that epidemiological studies that  
8 do not control for confounding factors can be and are  
9 misleading?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Back to your expert report, in the section  
12 called Summary and Comments, you state in the second  
13 paragraph there, quote, There is no history of  
14 occupational exposure to asbestos, comma, uranium, comma,  
15 or other substance known to be associated with lung  
16 cancer, correct?

17 A. Right. I have, of course, found out more about  
18 that since then. I didn't realize that -- at the time,  
19 there was some history of having smoked marijuana, and I'm  
20 not sure of what other possible carcinogens he was exposed  
21 to, realizing that everybody's exposed to carcinogens,  
22 commonly.

23 I think of the ones that caused lung cancer,  
24 that cigarette smoke seems to be the main one in this  
25 case. There are other ones, actually.

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1 Q. Actually, there was not a question pending at  
2 the moment, but we will certainly get back to that.

3 My question to you is, what is the source of --  
4 what evidence supports your finding that Mr. Little had,  
5 quote, no history of occupational exposure?

6 A. I didn't have a history of occupational  
7 exposure, so I didn't know of any occupational exposure.  
8 Obviously, if I state there's no history of occupational  
9 exposure, that's to the best of my knowledge. There might  
10 be something out there that I don't know about.

11 Q. Are you aware of any document that actually  
12 states, in his medical records, anything anywhere, that  
13 states Mr. Little had no history of occupational exposure,  
14 or anything to that affect?

15 A. No, and I would hate to have to go back through  
16 all the medical records again looking for that statement.  
17 I, obviously, did not see the history of an occupational  
18 exposure there in my review of the records.

19 Q. Are you aware that no treater asked Mr. Little  
20 about his work history or his occupational exposures?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Would that have been the sort of information  
23 that would be relevant to your opinion as to whether he  
24 had occupational exposures or not?

25 A. Yes, it would.

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1 Q. Other than reviewing Mr. Little's medical  
2 records, did you review any other materials for  
3 information concerning risk factors that Mr. Little may  
4 have been exposed to?

5 A. Unless Ness, Motley sent me something that I  
6 can't remember right now, no, and of course depositions.

7 Q. So if Mr. Little's medical records were silent  
8 as to work history, you assumed he had no occupational  
9 exposure; is that correct?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. And if Mr. Little's medical records were silent  
12 as to his family history of cancer, you would assume that  
13 that was not a risk factor for him?

14 A. I thought that there was a statement in there  
15 that someone in his family had had cancer, but I can't  
16 remember exactly.

17 If -- I would be surprised of the medical  
18 records to that extent, not to find some statement about  
19 family history.

20 Q. Because that, too, would be relevant to your  
21 opinion as to causation; is that correct?

22 A. Well, that, and because it's a usual thing to  
23 ask. These are good doctors, and they do usually ask  
24 those questions. They don't always write them down.

25 Q. Let me direct your attention to Exhibit 7, which

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1 is you're your tobacco chapter from the Dail and Hammar  
2 book. If you would turn, please, to page 839 under the  
3 section entitled Epidemiology.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. There in the right-hand column of page 839, the  
6 second paragraph, you wrote there, The carcinogenic  
7 effects of tobacco were first recognized some 200 years  
8 ago. A number of studies have shown a clear-cut dose  
9 response between lung cancer mortality and number of  
10 cigarettes smoked per day, with heavy smokers having 25  
11 times as many lung cancers as non-smokers. The use of  
12 filters results in a small but detectable difference.

13 Correct?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Do you still agree with that statement?

16 A. So far as I know. It's been a long time since I  
17 did this.

18 Q. How do you define "heavy smoker," as used in  
19 your article?

20 A. I think of a heavy smoker as somebody who smokes  
21 more than a pack a day.

22 Q. Do you agree that heavy smokers have a higher  
23 incidence of lung cancer than light to moderate smokers?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you agree that people who smoke high-tar

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1 cigarettes have a higher incidence of lung cancer than  
2 people who smoke low-tar cigarettes?

3 A. I think that's true, although there's a matter  
4 of dose of carcinogen to be considered; that is, if you  
5 smoke more low tar, you can end up with the same dose.

6 Q. Assuming that an individual smokes the same  
7 number of cigarettes, would you agree that individuals who  
8 smoke high-tar cigarettes will have a higher incidence of  
9 lung cancer than those who smoke low-tar cigarettes?

10 A. If the studies are done right, they could. So I  
11 think that there should be such a relationship. There are  
12 all sorts of factors to consider, the method of reducing  
13 the tar. It all comes back to dose again.

14 And also the statement about epidemiology  
15 statistics in any one individual, that's even more a  
16 factor in a question like that than it is in some of the  
17 other broader issues.

18 Q. Okay. But at least with respect to your  
19 understanding of the dose-response relationship, if you  
20 smoke a higher dose -- strike that.

21 If you smoke a high-tar cigarette, you're  
22 getting higher dose of carcinogens; is that correct?

23 A. That's right. If the cigarette was smoked the  
24 same way, and one has a lot of carcinogen and one has  
25 less, then the more carcinogen, the more cancer.



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1 Q. Okay. And are you aware of epidemiological data  
2 that has, in fact, found that the higher tar cigarettes  
3 had a higher instance of lung cancer than lower tar  
4 cigarettes?

5 A. I have seen that.

6 Q. Do you know how much the risk of contracting  
7 lung cancer decreases for people who smoke filtered  
8 cigarettes versus unfiltered cigarettes?

9 A. No, I've read several studies, and they were  
10 contradictory. I used to read these when they first came  
11 out, when people were, I guess, looking to see how much  
12 affect the low-tar cigarettes were going to have. And the  
13 study started perhaps too soon, after people started using  
14 those cigarettes, considering how long it takes to get a  
15 cancer.

16 And the first statistics that came out that I  
17 read, and I'm not sure what they were, were not at all  
18 convincing. Later, there seemed to be more of an affect  
19 in some of the later studies that I've read.

20 Q. And that has to do with the latency period; is  
21 that correct?

22 A. I think so, and the continuing change and the  
23 manufacture of the cigarettes, too.

24 Q. And at least, according to your book chapter,  
25 these with filters do result in a detectable difference in

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1 the incidence of lung cancer, correct?

2 A. I thought so.

3 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Little smoked filtered  
4 or unfiltered cigarettes?

5 A. My understanding is that he smoked filtered  
6 cigarettes and switched to very low-tar cigarettes for  
7 some time toward the end of his smoking history, but it's  
8 been a long time since I read that deposition. I can't  
9 remember the details.

10 Q. Doctor, you don't purport to be an  
11 epidemiologist, do you?

12 A. Absolutely not.

13 Q. Could you then testify as to what Mr. Little's  
14 relative risk of developing lung cancer from his exposure  
15 to Radon would be?

16 A. I didn't know he had an exposure to Radon. I  
17 mean, there's a little Radon around all over the place,  
18 but I'm not -- I didn't know that he had a known exposure.  
19 I didn't --

20 Q. I'm asking you, can you tell me what his  
21 relative risk of developing lung cancer from Radon would  
22 be, whether it was no increased risk, or you don't have  
23 enough information, or whether there would be an increased  
24 risk?

25 A. Well, I'm not an epidemiologist. I am a doctor

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1 that looks at cancers in lungs a lot.

2 If you gave me convincing evidence that he was  
3 exposed to a lot of Radon and the time period and latency  
4 fit, then I would end up saying that it's possible that  
5 Radon had something to do with it; if it were a high dose,  
6 I might say probable. But I guess the right answer is no,  
7 I don't have enough information in this case.

8 Q. Do you have enough information to determine the  
9 relative risk for lung cancer from asbestos exposure?

10 A. I have more information in that case, in that I  
11 did get a chance to look at the lungs, and that unlike  
12 Radon, I can see asbestos bodies if they're there. I  
13 didn't see any in this case. And although I don't have an  
14 adequate occupational history, I had no history of such  
15 exposure.

16 Not seeing any asbestos bodies, not knowing  
17 about any exposure, I thought asbestos probably had  
18 nothing to do with it.

19 Q. My question still has to do with assigning a  
20 relative risk to Mr. Little, do you have enough  
21 information to do that?

22 A. Yes, I think so, in that, I've got pieces of  
23 lung that were not affected by the radiation, that showed  
24 no evidence of asbestosis and no asbestos bodies, and the  
25 samples are not large, but they suggest to me that he

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1 probably did not have occupational asbestos exposure of a  
2 degree adequate to produce lung cancer, because I think it  
3 takes a fairly heavy dose of asbestos to produce lung  
4 cancer.

5 Q. Okay. Well, you said that you could assign a  
6 relative risk in epidemiological terms. So what would his  
7 relative risk of lung cancer from asbestos be --

8 A. Mr. Little's risk?

9 Q. Right.

10 A. From what I've seen and what I know, I'd say his  
11 relative risk from asbestos exposure approaches zero, that  
12 asbestos did not have a role in the cancer.

13 Q. Are you aware that there is no such thing as  
14 zero relative risk, that one is actually the lowest  
15 relative risk that you can have in an epidemiological  
16 study, meaning --

17 A. Oh, relative risk.

18 Q. Yes. I'm talking from --

19 A. I was using it -- like I said, I'm not an  
20 epidemiologist -- I was using this in just general terms,  
21 that his increased risk, because of any exposure to  
22 asbestos, was minimal.

23 Q. Okay. And all of my questions are -- they have  
24 to do with epidemiology and the relative risk as used in  
25 epidemiological studies?

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1 A. Okay. His relative risk from asbestos then was  
2 approximately one.

3 Q. And which of the studies would support that?  
4 And do you intend to -- first of all, we may save a lot of  
5 time, do you intend to offer any testimony on relative  
6 risk?

7 A. No, unless I'm specifically asked about what I  
8 think about his exposure to asbestos and lung cancer was.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. In which case, I'll say that as a pathologist, I  
11 don't think there was any.

12 Q. Okay. If his deposition testimony or other work  
13 history records were contrary to that, would you have any  
14 reason to dispute his occupational exposures?

15 A. If you had a work history of asbestos exposure,  
16 I would take it into account and change it from, you know,  
17 virtually no effect to some possible effect. But from the  
18 standpoint of pathology, I don't think that there's a real  
19 increase in lung cancer until scarring appears which could  
20 be seen on x-rays, he had plenty of those, and which can  
21 be seen on the microscope at even lower doses, and I did  
22 see lung tissue with no evidence of that. So I don't  
23 think that asbestos played a role.

24 Q. Okay. And, again, I'm focusing on relative risk  
25 as used in epidemiological data. Do you intend to offer

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1 any opinion whatsoever with respect to relative risks?

2 A. In the case of asbestos --

3 Q. In any aspect, including asbestos.

4 A. I don't think I'd have very much clout as an  
5 epidemiologist, but some of the work that I've done and  
6 been associated with over the years does have some fairly  
7 convincing epidemiologic evidence regarding asbestos and  
8 asbestoses and its relationship to lung cancer. So I  
9 might refer back to those.

10 Q. Actually, let me move to strike that as  
11 non-responsive.

12 My question was, do you intend to testify in  
13 this trial about relative risk from an epidemiological  
14 standpoint?

15 A. No; from a pathologic standpoint, yes.

16 Q. I'm talking epidemiology.

17 A. No.

18 Q. Are you qualified as an epidemiologist?

19 A. Absolutely not.

20 Q. Are you qualified to take epidemiological data  
21 and independently analyze it?

22 A. Only in the sense that any pathologist might be  
23 able to use that, and in the same sense that you might be  
24 able to use it. But from the standpoint of critical  
25 analysis as one epidemiologist to another, no, I can't do

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1 that.

2 Q. Are you qualified to take a set of data from an  
3 epidemiological study that does not control for  
4 confounding factors, and control for confounding factors?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Would it be fair to say that, from an  
7 epidemiological standpoint, you do not know Mr. Little's  
8 relative risk of contracting cancer from risk factors  
9 other than tobacco smoke?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. Is it fair to say that, from an epidemiological  
12 standpoint, you do not know Mr. Little's relative risk of  
13 developing cancer after smoking for 20 years or 25 years,  
14 low-tar, ultra low-tar filtered cigarettes; is that  
15 correct?

16 A. I do not know precisely, no.

17 Q. Without speculating, could you testify, with a  
18 reasonable degree of medical certainty, that Mr. Little's  
19 relative risk from non-tobacco factors was greater than  
20 his relative risk from tobacco?

21 A. My own opinion is that his tobacco was the  
22 greatest known risk, because it's the only one I really  
23 know of that seems to have very much possibility of being  
24 real. But that's the kind of question that I think an  
25 epidemiologist should try to address.

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1 Q. So in other words, for you to address that  
2 question, you would have to speculate; is that correct?

3 A. Right. And there's no information, and it's not  
4 the sort of thing I do.

5 Q. Now, in your report, you characterize  
6 Mr. Little's cancer as bronchogenic; is that correct?

7 A. I thought it was.

8 Q. And bronchogenic cancer is cancer that arises in  
9 the major airways; is that correct?

10 A. It arises in the bronchus, yes.

11 Q. And bronchus is?

12 A. It's an airway that has cartilage.

13 Q. So it's not -- it's something distinct and  
14 different than a bronchioli?

15 A. Right. The bronchioles are the very small ones;  
16 they don't have cartilage. But bronchi are the bigger  
17 ones that do have cartilage.

18 Q. Doctor, wouldn't you expect, for a tumor that  
19 arises in a bronchus, to obstruct breathing?

20 A. It would obstruct breathing in that bronchus,  
21 yes.

22 Q. Are you aware of any evidence that Mr. Little  
23 presented with any problems breathing?

24 A. No. And it -- in thinking back about this, his  
25 cancer didn't occur in a main stem bronchus. It wasn't in

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1 the hilum of the lung; it was a little farther out. So  
2 any bronchus that was obstructed was not a big bronchus;  
3 it would have been a small one.

4 And the affects of a partial obstruction of the  
5 bronchus might have been something that he would have  
6 noticed in the form of a wheeze, whistle, something odd.  
7 I don't remember anything like that in his case.

8 Q. Okay. Can you direct me to what medical records  
9 or what specific evidence would suggest or support your  
10 opinion that Mr. Little's cancer arose in one -- in a  
11 bronchus?

12 A. I thought -- in fact, I remember at the time I  
13 was reviewing this material, looking at a section that had  
14 an airway in it that had some cartilage, and I'm thinking  
15 I imagine that's where it's from.

16 Also, there's the radiology, and this is  
17 something that the radiologist could do better than I  
18 could, pinpointing exactly where the center of the first  
19 biggest nodule was and its relationship to an airway.

20 I did not look at the gross specimen after the  
21 lobectomy, and it was altered by the radiation anyway.  
22 That would have been my preferred method of saying whether  
23 this is bronchogenic or not.

24 Q. And --

25 A. So I didn't have the very best material for

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1 doing that.

2 Q. Let me ask you, you did look at his CT scans; is  
3 that correct?

4 A. Right. No, I did not look at CT scans.

5 Q. You did not look at CT scans?

6 A. No, I looked only at the reports.

7 Q. Oh, I'm sorry. You looked at the reports of the  
8 CT scans; is that correct?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. And you also looked at surgical operative  
11 reports; is that correct?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. If Dr. Reed reported that the bronchiole margin  
14 was negative for tumor, wouldn't that tend to suggest that  
15 it was not a bronchogenic?

16 A. No. When she takes out a cancer, she tries to  
17 get to a part of the bronchus that does not have any tumor  
18 remaining, so that she's not leaving any tumor.

19 If she has to cut through tumor, what she'll try  
20 to do is go back and keep moving up the airway until she  
21 gets to a place with no tumor, because she doesn't want to  
22 leave any tumor in.

23 Q. Okay. So when it says that bronchiole margin  
24 was negative for tumor, that just means that she has cut  
25 enough of it that no tumor remains by the bronchiole

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1 margin; is that correct?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. Are you aware of any pathology report that would  
4 be taken where the tissue sample is designated as  
5 including part of a bronchus?

6 A. May I look back through these --

7 Q. Certainly.

8 A. -- and through my report and see what I say  
9 about this?

10 The difficulty in this report, I think, was the  
11 extensive radiation chemotherapy. It made even the gross  
12 description a little difficult. There are statements such  
13 as this one saying that the tumor approaches to within a  
14 tenth of a centimeter of the hilum; the hilar area of the  
15 lung is where the large airways and vessels are  
16 concentrated. So it's impossible to be in the hilum and  
17 not be in an area where there are bronchi. In fact, the  
18 bronchi extend out well beyond that.

19 Q. Not the bronchi, but how about the bronchus with  
20 the cartilage formation?

21 A. Those, yeah, they are in that part of the lung.  
22 So what this describes is a process that involves large  
23 airways.

24 It does not describe a discrete bronchus from  
25 which the tumor arises, partly because the tumor was

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1 fairly large here, but more because there was so much  
2 necrosis and destruction that it -- those relationships  
3 would have been destroyed.

4 Q. Can you tell me what evidence you're relying  
5 upon for your opinion that Mr. Little's cancer was  
6 bronchogenic?

7 A. It's -- the center of it appeared to be in the  
8 section of the lung where most lung cancers arise; it's  
9 close to the hilum.

10 This is not -- although it sticks out to the  
11 pleura and this pleural retraction, this is not one of  
12 those subpleural peripheral cancers that one often  
13 associates with bronchioalveolar or bronchioloalveolar  
14 origin. That's one factor.

15 Another factor is that I didn't see the pattern  
16 of BAC which --

17 Q. Sir, I'm sorry. My question is -- I don't mean  
18 to -- we've got still a lot to cover, and I don't mean to  
19 cut you off, but my question was actually just with  
20 respect to bronchogenic carcinoma. What evidence supports  
21 your opinion of bronchogenic?

22 A. Well, there are really only two reasonable  
23 places the tumor could come from; one is the bronchi, and  
24 the other is the bronchioles or alveoli.

25 Q. Okay.

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1 A. So it's either a bronchogenic carcinoma like the  
2 average old lung cancer, or it's a BAC from the  
3 bronchioles and alveoli. The ones from the bronchioles  
4 and alveoli should have tumor cells that look like that.

5 Now, we run into the problem here that BAC is  
6 defined by its pattern of growth more than by the cell  
7 that it comes from. There's also the problem that you can  
8 get peripheral squamous cell carcinomas and so forth, that  
9 are solids and are not back BACs.

10 But this one seemed to be from the part of the  
11 lung where the bronchi were and had to involve the bronchi  
12 because of the size of the tumor. It could not not  
13 involve them.

14 Q. Isn't that correct, irrespective of where it  
15 originated, that if you've got a four-plus centimeter  
16 tumor, that's a tumor that's about the size of a lemon,  
17 right?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Wedged in your lung, at a point of your lung  
20 where it's fairly narrow up at the left upper lobe, that  
21 just due to size --

22 A. It almost has to involve a bronchus.

23 Q. Correct, but that doesn't mean that it  
24 originated in the bronchus; is that correct?

25 A. Not absolutely.

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1 Q. The only way to know that would be to have the  
2 tumor, to be able to cut the tumor and determine where the  
3 center of that tumor is; is that correct?

4 A. Yeah. Even that's not absolute. A tumor could  
5 grow in some eccentric fashion, but they don't usually.

6 The CT scans in the hands of the radiologist,  
7 looking at this specific question, CT scans taken before  
8 chemotherapy and radiation might be better able to answer  
9 this question better than a pathologist could, given the  
10 changes that happened in that lung.

11 MS. SCHMAHL: Actually, can we take a break  
12 please?

13 THE DEPONENT: Sure.

14 (A recess transpired.)

15 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

16 Q. Dr. Harley, do you agree that respiratory  
17 bronchiolitis is defined as an inflammation of the  
18 bronchioles?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Respiratory bronchioles are the smallest of the  
21 bronchioles; is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Just half a millimeter in diameter?

24 A. That's about right.

25 Q. And respiratory bronchioles connect with

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1 terminal bronchioles to the alveolar ducts; is that  
2 correct?

3 A. Right, that's correct.

4 Q. Your expert report does not document respiratory  
5 bronchiolitis in your review of Mr. Little's December of  
6 1995 pathology; is that correct?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. But you did see respiratory bronchiolitis in the  
9 pathology materials that were gathered in March of 1996;  
10 is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you also see respiratory bronchiolitis in  
13 the pathology materials that were gathered in September of  
14 1996?

15 A. This was the large radiated specimen? That was  
16 too distorted to make sense of.

17 Q. Let me hand you what will be marked as  
18 Defendant's Exhibit 28.

19 MR. EVANS: I'm sorry, I think we are up to  
20 30.

21 MS. SCHMAHL: Thank you, Defendant's Exhibit  
22 30.

23 (DFT. EXH. 30, Ambulatory Care Pavilion  
24 Record dated 1/29/96, was marked for  
25 identification.)

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1 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

2 Q. For identification, Exhibit 30 is an Ambulatory  
3 Care Pavilion record dated January 29th, 1996.

4 Let me refer you, briefly, to the second  
5 sentence under Interval History. It says there that the  
6 patient returns today in scheduled follow-up complaining  
7 of a cough, a temperature of 101 degrees, and a headache;  
8 do you see that?

9 A. I do.

10 Q. And Exhibit 35 -- excuse me, Exhibit 30 is dated  
11 one and a half months before the March 1996 pathology  
12 specimens were collected; is that correct?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. Directing your attention further down the page  
15 to the planned section; are you with me?

16 A. I am.

17 Q. Exhibit 30 states that Dr. Stuart placed the  
18 patient on antibiotics with Amoxicillin for ten days; is  
19 that correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Amoxicillin is an antibiotic, correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. It's an antibiotic that is intended, in the  
24 context of this, to deal with the pulmonary or suspected  
25 pulmonary infection; is that correct?

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1 A. That's right.  
 2 (DFT. EXH. 31, Ambulatory Care Pavilion  
 3 Record dated 1/1/96), was marked for  
 4 identification.)  
 5 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 6 Q. Doctor, you've been handed what has been marked  
 7 as Exhibit 31 to your deposition. For identification,  
 8 Exhibit 31 is an Ambulatory Care Pavilion record dated  
 9 February 26, 1996.  
 10 Directing your attention to the third sentence  
 11 in the section Interval History, it's probably a third of  
 12 the way down the page. The third sentence states, The  
 13 patient reports a dramatic improvement in his cough and  
 14 sputum after taking Amoxicillin about three weeks ago; is  
 15 that correct?  
 16 A. Right.  
 17 Q. So Mr. Little had taken Amoxicillin, and as of  
 18 February of 1996, he reported a dramatic improvement,  
 19 correct?  
 20 A. Right.  
 21 Q. If a patient, like Mr. Little, had a temperature  
 22 of 101 and a cough, and those symptoms were resolved by an  
 23 antibiotic such as Amoxicillin --  
 24 (The proceedings were interrupted.)  
 25 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

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1 Q. -- would you agree that the patient had a  
 2 respiratory infection?  
 3 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Could you hold on a  
 4 minute?  
 5 Mr. Booth, do you want a copy of the  
 6 transcript?  
 7 MR. BOOTH: Yes.  
 8 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.  
 9 I'm sorry.  
 10 (Mr. Booth departed the deposition.)  
 11 MS. SCHMAHL: Could you read back the last  
 12 question?  
 13 (The Court Reporter read the question  
 14 commencing on page 360, line 21, and concluding on  
 15 page 361, line 2.)  
 16 THE DEPONENT: Yes.  
 17 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 18 Q. Would you agree that the symptoms described in  
 19 Exhibit 30 are consistent with a recent bout of pneumonia?  
 20 A. Or bronchitis, yes.  
 21 Q. Let me direct your attention to -- I believe you  
 22 have in front of you Exhibit 22 to your original  
 23 deposition, which is a surgical pathology report dated  
 24 March of 1996?  
 25 A. 22, yes.

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1 Q. Okay. Now, the treating pathologist who --  
 2 A. I'm sorry?  
 3 Q. I'm sorry. It should be September of 1996; is  
 4 that correct --  
 5 A. That's correct.  
 6 Q. -- with label 22.  
 7 The diagnosing pathology who examined  
 8 Mr. Little's right lower lung pathology in September of  
 9 1996, found that one of his tissue samples had, quote,  
 10 changes suggestive of pneumonia; is that correct?  
 11 A. That's correct.  
 12 Q. There under the diagnosis section towards the  
 13 bottom of the page. In fact, changes suggestive of  
 14 pneumonia was Dr. Richardson's final diagnosis of that  
 15 tissue sample; is that correct?  
 16 A. Right.  
 17 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Little had a history of  
 18 pneumonia prior to his lung cancer diagnosis?  
 19 A. No, I don't know.  
 20 Q. Have you see any records relating to Mr. Little  
 21 where he did have a diagnosis of pneumonia?  
 22 A. I've seen the records. It's been a long time  
 23 since I've reviewed them, so I don't remember whether he  
 24 had episodes of pneumonia. I wouldn't be surprised if  
 25 someone was to have occasional episodes of pneumonia.

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1 Q. At least as of Dr. Richardson's pathology report  
 2 in September of 1996, he had changes in his lungs  
 3 suggestive of pneumonia, correct?  
 4 A. Right.  
 5 Q. Would you agree that respiratory bronchiolitis  
 6 is often associated with pneumonia?  
 7 A. That's a bit of a jump. The term "pneumonia" is  
 8 being used in different ways here. The first one there in  
 9 February, was really probably bronchitis. It was an acute  
 10 thing; he had a bacterial infection that responded to  
 11 antibiotics. Involvement of his lung was not entirely  
 12 clear. He didn't have rals then; when you listen to his  
 13 chest, his chest was clear.  
 14 This one in September is later on, after  
 15 radiation and so forth, and people -- and he had a large  
 16 lung cancer which had been removed and would have had some  
 17 obstruction and all sorts of things happening. It's a  
 18 setup for pneumonia. What's described here is focal  
 19 fibrosis changes suggestive of pneumonia. If it had been  
 20 a frank, obvious bacterial pneumonia, she would have  
 21 called it that.  
 22 So what she's seeing is a confused pattern.  
 23 Fibrosis is the end result that the inflammation, it would  
 24 have taken weeks or months. And she's seeing a confused  
 25 pattern of response to something. And that may or may not

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1 have anything to do with respiratory bronchiolitis.  
 2 Respiratory bronchiolitis is associated with  
 3 cigarette smoking, usually. Cigarette smokers have more  
 4 bronchitis, acute and chronic, and more pneumonia. So  
 5 there will be a relationship there, but it's all indirect.  
 6 Q. Would you agree that Stedman's Medical  
 7 Dictionary is an authoritative work?  
 8 A. Modestly.  
 9 Q. Are you aware of medical literature that does  
 10 associate and, in fact, specifically states that  
 11 respiratory bronchiolitis is often associated with  
 12 pneumonia?  
 13 A. I'm not specifically aware of that. If I saw  
 14 that, I would have to interpret it based on what the  
 15 people were really talking about.  
 16 Respiratory bronchiolitis could actually be  
 17 defined as a pneumonia if one wanted to. Pneumonia is a  
 18 fairly general term meaning inflammation of the lung.  
 19 Q. Well, would a respiratory infection such as  
 20 bronchitis, couldn't that result in inflammation -- as  
 21 inflammation of the bronchioles?  
 22 A. It could; it frequently does. The common form  
 23 of bacterial pneumonia is called bronchopneumonia; it  
 24 involves the bronchioles and the adjacent lung. It's,  
 25 oftentimes, centered on the respiratory bronchioles, and

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1 even though it's an inflammation and an "itis" and you  
 2 have to call it respiratory bronchiolitis, one can't do  
 3 that anymore, because the term "respiratory bronchiolitis"  
 4 has been taken out of context and now means this thing  
 5 with the macrophages that we talked about earlier.  
 6 The kind of thing you're talking about would not  
 7 necessarily have macrophages; it would have neutrophils.  
 8 It's a different kind of inflammation. I know this sounds  
 9 strange, but it's not really the same thing.  
 10 Q. So sitting here today, you can testify -- can  
 11 you testify, with a reasonable degree of medical  
 12 certainty, that what you term respiratory bronchiolitis  
 13 was caused by cigarette smoking and not by a  
 14 non-neoplastic lung infection such as bronchitis or  
 15 pneumonia?  
 16 A. It could have been caused by those things and a  
 17 variety of things. It did not have to be caused by  
 18 cigarette smoking.  
 19 Q. Now, respiratory bronchiolitis, itself, doesn't  
 20 cause lung cancer; is that correct?  
 21 A. No, it does not.  
 22 Q. And lung cancer doesn't arrive from respiratory  
 23 bronchiolitis?  
 24 A. No.  
 25 Q. And the presence of respiratory bronchiolitis is

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1 not indicative of cell type; is that correct?  
 2 A. Correct.  
 3 Q. And people can have respiratory bronchiolitis  
 4 and it's not necessarily a predictor for cancer; is that  
 5 correct?  
 6 A. Correct.  
 7 Q. Doctor, have we fully discussed Exhibit 6, which  
 8 is your expert report?  
 9 A. I think so.  
 10 MS. SCHMAHL: As a matter of housekeeping,  
 11 let me mark and introduce what will be Defendant's  
 12 Exhibit 32.  
 13 (DFT. EXH. 32, Statement of Opinions,  
 14 was marked for identification.)  
 15 MS. SCHMAHL: Off the record.  
 16 (Off-the-record conference.)  
 17 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 18 Q. Just briefly, for identification, Defendant's  
 19 Exhibit 32 is your expert disclosure; is that correct?  
 20 A. Correct.  
 21 MR. EVANS: Let me just clarify that. It  
 22 is a portion of the expert disclosure. It appears  
 23 to be missing the witness' CV from -- which would  
 24 have been at the front and the witness' actual  
 25 report that we've been discussing, which would

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1 have been at the back.  
 2 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 3 Q. Okay. Exhibit 32 consists of Appendix B (1),  
 4 Appendix B (2), Appendix B (3), and Appendix B (4), which  
 5 is your reliance list, correct?  
 6 A. Right.  
 7 Q. And in addition to what's been marked as Exhibit  
 8 32, there was Appendix A, which was your CV, which has not  
 9 yet been -- okay.  
 10 It would be Appendix A, which is your CV, and  
 11 that has not yet been marked into evidence. And Appendix  
 12 C would be your expert report, which was marked into  
 13 evidence as Exhibit 6.  
 14 (DFT. EXH. 33, Appendix A, Curriculum  
 15 Vitae, was marked for identification.)  
 16 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 17 Q. Defendant's Exhibit 33 is Appendix A to your  
 18 expert opinion, a copy of your CV dated May 4th, 1999.  
 19 Have you updated your CV since May 4th, 1999?  
 20 A. I don't believe so.  
 21 Q. In addition to your -- what is actually written  
 22 in your expert report of Exhibit 6, you also rely on some  
 23 information contained in Dr. Hammar's expert report; is  
 24 that correct?  
 25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. You testified during your last deposition, I  
2 believe, that you were relying on two things from  
3 Dr. Hammar's report. The first thing is his conclusion  
4 that Mr. Little did not have BAC, correct?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. And the second thing you're relying on from  
7 Dr. Hammar's report are the results of the apoprotein  
8 surfactant and the thyroid transcription factor 1 test; is  
9 that correct?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. You were not relying on any of the other stains  
12 that Dr. Hammar performed; is that correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And you are not relying on any of his other  
15 conclusions or analyses; is that correct?

16 A. That's right.

17 (DFT. EXH. 34, Letter from Charles  
18 Patrick to A.J. Singleton dated 3/10/00,  
19 was marked for identification.)

20 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

21 Q. Let me hand you what has been marked as Exhibit  
22 34 to your deposition. For identification, Exhibit 34 is  
23 the March 10th letter from Charles Patrick, an attorney at  
24 Plaintiffs' law firm, to A.J. Singleton at -- an attorney  
25 for R.J. Reynolds.

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1 Have you seen this letter before today?

2 A. I don't believe so.

3 Q. Okay. Directing your attention to the first  
4 line. Charles Patrick writes that Dr. Russell Harley  
5 suggested that we have immunohistochemical stains  
6 performed to provide additional information as to the cell  
7 type of Martin Little's lung cancer. He, meaning  
8 Dr. Harley, stated that he did not have the appropriate  
9 materials for the necessary immunohistochemical stains  
10 readily available in his laboratory, and he suggested that  
11 we should send the pathology, slides, and blocks to  
12 Dr. Hammar for immunostaining.

13 Is the first paragraph of Mr. Patrick's letter  
14 an accurate statement of how Dr. Hammar became involved in  
15 this litigation?

16 A. I think so. As I remember it, this has been a  
17 while back, but I think what I said was that if he wanted  
18 to pursue this further, that I couldn't do the stains, and  
19 that there were -- that the stains were available at  
20 various places and maybe somebody else could, and might  
21 have suggested Dr. Hammar, because he has access to a lot  
22 of these things.

23 Q. When you say "if you want to pursue this  
24 further," is it your understanding of what was being  
25 pursued is demonstrating that the cancer was not BAC.

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1 A. Right. I didn't think it was all that important  
2 to do this, because BAC is defined histologically on how  
3 it looks, and this doesn't look like a BAC to me, and it  
4 didn't to Dr. Hammar, and it didn't to Dr. Roggli, and it  
5 didn't to our pathologist here. So I didn't think that  
6 was a major thing, but I thought it might be of some  
7 interest.

8 I was sort of interested myself, because I don't  
9 have these stains available to me, and I didn't know  
10 exactly how they'd turn out.

11 Q. Briefly, what were the necessary stains that you  
12 did not have available in your lab?

13 A. The thyroid transcription factor is one that I  
14 could get; it was commercially available. The surfactant  
15 apoprotein stains were available in some places, but I  
16 didn't have any experience using them, and I like to use  
17 immunostains for awhile myself in my own setting before I  
18 start to trust them.

19 I've had long experience with surfactant,  
20 itself, and as a matter of fact, might have made the first  
21 antibodies to it, although I'm not sure what component I  
22 made them to, when I was a medical student.

23 But these particular stains were things that  
24 were a little difficult for me to get, and I hadn't had  
25 any experience in using firsthand, so I thought they'd be

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1 better done in someplace where people were used to them.

2 Q. Could you have obtained the apoprotein  
3 surfactant?

4 A. If I'd worked on it, I could have probably.

5 Q. Could you have conducted the staining yourself?

6 A. Well, yeah, if the material -- if I have the  
7 material, it's an easy thing to do from that point on.  
8 Interpreting is another matter, because sometimes you get  
9 a stain that says this is a very specific stain; it stains  
10 only thus and such. And then you use it for awhile, and  
11 it turns out it not only stains thus and such, but this  
12 and that, and that and that and that; it becomes  
13 nonspecific. And I didn't have the background to feel  
14 that I'd be the best person to do this.

15 Q. Were the only two materials that you thought  
16 were appropriate and necessary for the immunohistochemical  
17 staining, was it simply the thyroid transcription factor 1  
18 and the apoprotein surfactant A-1?

19 A. I think the surfactant was what I suggested, and  
20 I said there were other stains that can be used for these  
21 same purposes. And the two that Dr. Hammar ended up with,  
22 apparently, were these two.

23 Q. Now, why did you recommend Dr. Hammar, in  
24 particular?

25 A. I'm not sure I did. I think I said somebody



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1 else. And I know Dr. Hammar right well, and I know that  
2 he has worked on various cases with this law firm and that  
3 they knew his phone number, same thing with Dr. Roggli.

4 And I think I said that there were other  
5 commercial entities where these stains were available. I  
6 think I mentioned Impath as one, so I'm not sure exactly  
7 how that worked out after that.

8 Q. Have you, personally, ever sent pathology  
9 materials to Dr. Hammar for his analysis for purposes of  
10 making a clinical diagnosis?

11 A. I'm not sure. I may have. He has considerable  
12 expertise in certain aspects of lung cancer, especially  
13 electron microscopy of lung cancer. That's not something  
14 we do very much anymore, and it's been a while.

15 I don't send a lot of material out, and I may  
16 have sent a case or two to him over the years, but I don't  
17 do it very often.

18 Q. So perhaps a case or two over the years?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. Other than Mr. Little's pathology, have you ever  
21 sent pathology materials to Dr. Hammar for his review or  
22 analysis in a litigation setting?

23 A. Again, possibly so. And if so, it would have  
24 been in one of the asbestos cases, because he has done a  
25 lot of work on that.

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1 Q. Do you know what Dr. Hammar was asked to do by  
2 Plaintiffs' counsel?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you have any discussions with Dr. Hammar, as  
5 far as the staining or what he was asked to do with the  
6 pathology materials?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did Dr. Hammar perform any stains that you did  
9 not suggest?

10 A. The thyroid transcription factor I don't think  
11 was one that I suggested. I think I left it sort of open,  
12 saying that there were other stains. And TTF was  
13 something I knew about, but I don't think it was something  
14 I would have said, do this. And besides that, I don't  
15 think I would presume to tell Dr. Hammar exactly what to  
16 do.

17 Q. So the only suggestions that you made to  
18 Plaintiffs' counsel with respect to -- can we call it IHC  
19 staining since it's so much easier to say than  
20 immunohistochemical?

21 A. Sure.

22 Q. The only suggestions you made to Plaintiffs'  
23 counsel with regard to IHC staining had to do with doing a  
24 surfactant stain; is that correct?

25 A. Right.

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1 Q. And you mentioned, then, that there are other  
2 stains that could done on this pathology material; is that  
3 correct?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. Without specifying what those other stains are;  
6 is that correct?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Were you aware that Dr. Hammar's lab did not  
9 have the apoprotein A-1 surfactant stain?

10 A. No, but it's a matter of finding somebody who  
11 has them. These stains all start off as research  
12 projects. Somebody purifies a protein. That's the hard  
13 part.

14 Once the protein's pure, then they can  
15 polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies to it. It's not so  
16 hard to do; it's more standard. Once those are made, then  
17 anybody can do it.

18 Q. Were you aware that Dr. Hammar actually sent the  
19 pathology materials out to Dr. Gown's lab to be stained  
20 and analyzed?

21 A. I did get a report, at some point, saying what  
22 the results were and where they had been sent. These were  
23 not people that I knew.

24 Q. So you have never dealt with Dr. Gown?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Have you read any literature that he might have  
2 published on IHC staining?

3 A. I may have, but the name did not ring a bell.

4 Q. Do I take it, then, that you have never sent any  
5 pathology materials to Dr. Gown or his lab for staining or  
6 testing?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Is it correct that the reason that you and  
9 Dr. Hammar did not have the apoprotein surfactant that was  
10 used in this case is that it's not commercially available?

11 A. That's the reason I didn't have it. If the  
12 things are not commercial available, it's hard to get.  
13 There are surfactant proteins that have been on the market  
14 off and on over the years. Like I say, I hadn't used them  
15 personally and don't like to use them until I've had some  
16 experience with them. I don't like to try and interpret  
17 them.

18 Q. And isn't it correct that when you wrote the  
19 "Histochemical and Immunochemical Methods of Use in  
20 Pulmonary Pathology," which is the chapter in Stephen  
21 Spitzer's (ph) book, Histochemistry and Pathology  
22 Diagnosis, surfactant-related apoprotein stains were not  
23 commercially available then; were they?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And that book was written in 1987?

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1 A. I'm not sure; if that's what my CV says, then  
2 that's right.

3 Q. So in the 13 years since your chapter was  
4 written, the surfactant apoprotein stains have still not  
5 become commercially available; is that correct?

6 A. I think they are commercially available now.  
7 I'm not sure exactly which ones, I have not asked the lab  
8 here to order them. They're expensive, and they need to  
9 be used a good bit in order to be justified.

10 Q. Let me ask you, is it your understanding that  
11 "commercially available" means that it has been approved  
12 by the FDA?

13 A. No. It just means that you can look them up in  
14 the IHC books and buy them. The FDA will not approve  
15 these things for many purposes, so it's up to the  
16 experience of the doctor who's using them to say whether  
17 or not they're useful in his own methods and practice.  
18 And that's why I like to have them around and play with  
19 them and so forth before I would tend to trust them.

20 Q. Is it correct, though, that a non-FDA approved  
21 IHC cannot be used to diagnose cancer in a patient?

22 A. It can't be used to diagnose it, but it can be  
23 used as a helpful tool, to provide more information for  
24 the person to consider in arriving at a diagnosis.

25 For instance, if one applies a

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1 surfactant-related antibody to tissue, say in this case,  
2 where you have some tumor here and some bronchioles over  
3 here and some alveoli here, you can see type 2 cells, and  
4 you can see bronchiolar cells, and you can see tumor  
5 cells. If, in that slide, the bronchioalveolar cells  
6 stain, the type 2 cells stain, and the tumor cells don't  
7 stain, you say, Well, it's not acting like the type 2  
8 cells and the bronchioalveolar cells in this case and in  
9 this slide.

10 For me to consider using that information in any  
11 diagnosis on an actual live patient, I would want to have  
12 seen those patterns a number of times before I place any  
13 trust in them. And then I don't make the diagnosis based  
14 on how the stains were; it's based on the whole picture  
15 and more on just the H & E histology. That's the  
16 background of histopathology.

17 Q. Would you agree that before IHC tests are  
18 approved by the FDA, there are numerous criteria that they  
19 must satisfy; they must be labeled with directions for use  
20 in performance claims? Is that correct?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. They must be tested in scientific studies; is  
23 that correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. They must undergo the FDA's risk-based

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1 evaluation; is that correct?

2 A. For immunostains?

3 Q. For any product submitted to the FDA, including  
4 IHC stains.

5 A. Well, at least that refers more to things that  
6 are applied to people. It's not like you're putting this  
7 on a person's skin or anything, but, yes.

8 Q. And, finally, they must withstand the scrutiny  
9 of the scientific reviewers at the FDA's Office of Device  
10 Regulation, correct?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. Surfactant apoprotein has never met those FDA  
13 requirements, has it?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Do you know whether the makers and creators of  
16 surfactant apoprotein A-1 have even applied to the FDA for  
17 approval?

18 A. I have no idea, probably not.

19 Q. Do you know whether surfactant apoprotein A-1  
20 was exempt from FDA regulation because it was part of an  
21 investigational study?

22 A. The -- I'm sure that it started as an  
23 investigation; that's how all of these start.

24 Q. But my question is, do you know whether it was  
25 exempt from FDA regulation because it was being used in an

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1 investigational study?

2 A. I doubt that an application for exemption would  
3 ever have been used. It probably would have been used  
4 in -- I don't know how this stuff was used. You'll have  
5 to ask the people in the laboratory that used it.

6 Q. So your answer to it would be no?

7 A. The answer to it is, I don't know.

8 Q. Okay. Now, let me ask you, in your practice  
9 here at MUSC, have you ever used a non-FDA approved IHC to  
10 diagnose a patient with cancer?

11 A. I think every modern pathologist in the country  
12 uses non-FDA approved immunostains, but they're not used  
13 for making the diagnosis. That has happened a time or  
14 two, and it's a terrible mistake to try to do that. One  
15 can't trust the immunostains to make a diagnosis, but they  
16 can be used just like any other stain, to provide a little  
17 information and push one's opinion this way or that.

18 Q. And the reason that they can't be used to make a  
19 diagnosis is that the results are not consistent; isn't  
20 that correct?

21 A. Consistency is part of it, and they need to be  
22 used over a wide variety of test cases before enough is  
23 known about what they do and don't do.

24 Q. For example, an IHC stain could give you  
25 information if you know that 75 percent of a cell type

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1 stains positive for that particular stain, correct?  
2 A. Right. In the case of mesotheliomas, for  
3 instance, we do this all the time. Is it mesothelioma or  
4 is it adenocarcinoma? And there are immunostains that  
5 stain adenocarcinoma and tend not to stain mesothelioma,  
6 but they don't stain all the adenocarcinomas, and they  
7 occasionally stain mesotheliomas.

8 If you use one of them, it gives you a little  
9 hint. If you use two of them, that's a little more  
10 helpful. If you use three of them, you can get up to the  
11 point that -- there's studies that can be done that show  
12 that they're 95 percent accurate in categorizing. But  
13 even then, there's room for doubt.

14 Q. Because, again, the IHC stains demonstrate  
15 tendencies, correct?

16 A. Yeah. They are -- they can be quite specific  
17 for certain things. There are some that are far better  
18 than others.

19 The prostate specific antigen is one we use all  
20 the time. It's almost never a positive in anything except  
21 prostate cancer. However, I've seen it stain mesothelioma  
22 in frozen sections, which is surprising, but nobody would  
23 ever think to look for that.

24 And so even in the ones that -- even in the best  
25 ones, they can be trusted under the usual circumstances to

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1 some degree.

2 Q. So they can be trusted to help support what you  
3 already saw under the microscope; is that correct?

4 A. Right, or to not support, to make -- more often  
5 they do that, raise questions, make a person a little less  
6 certain; in which case, you go back and try to find  
7 something else and try to reflect the degrees of  
8 certainties and uncertainties in reports.

9 Q. Are you aware of any medical literature that  
10 would discuss the degree of certainty of the results from  
11 an apoprotein surfactant and a thyroid transcription  
12 factor 1 test?

13 A. I am aware of some, but I don't know what the  
14 names are. There were one or two at the United States,  
15 Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting in New Orleans  
16 recently, and they're starting to pop up. These are  
17 things that people are interested in. I think there will  
18 be more of them in the near future.

19 Q. Do you have any opinion as to the level of  
20 certainty?

21 A. As to how accurate and good these are?

22 Q. Right, when you take the two and combine them.

23 A. No, I don't know.

24 THE DEPONENT: Do you mind if I make a  
25 phone call? Excuse me a moment.

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1 (A recess transpired.)

2 (DFT. EXH. 35, Summary of Dr. Hammar's  
3 Immunohistochemical Staining, was marked  
4 for identification.)

5 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

6 Q. Madonna has handed you what is Exhibit 35 to  
7 your deposition. For identification, Exhibit 35 is a  
8 chart entitled Summary of Dr. Hammar's Immunohistochemical  
9 Staining.

10 To your knowledge, is Exhibit 35 an accurate  
11 summary of the stains Dr. Hammar performed?

12 A. To my knowledge, it is.

13 Q. Would it help you to compare Exhibit 35 to  
14 Dr. Hammar's report?

15 A. If I wanted to be absolutely sure, I think I  
16 would have to, because I don't remember all of this.

17 This seems to be accurate. It's a little  
18 confusing, I might miss something, but I think it's  
19 accurate, the chart.

20 Q. And that is after comparing Exhibit 35, which is  
21 the chart with Exhibit 35 (sic), which is Dr. Hammar's  
22 expert report; is that correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 MR. EVANS: Exhibit 5, which is  
25 Dr. Hammar's report.

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1 MS. SCHMAHL: Thank you.

2 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

3 Q. Why are you only relying on the apoprotein  
4 surfactant stain and thyroid transcription factor 1 stains  
5 when Dr. Hammar did a total of nine stains?

6 A. The other stains are not things that I  
7 necessarily would have had a question about.

8 Q. Would you say --

9 A. And the meanings of these stains in Dr. Hammar's  
10 hands, I'm not sure how he interprets these.

11 Q. So in your opinion, are the other stains listed  
12 on Exhibit 35 not relevant to a determination of cell  
13 type?

14 A. They could be. They were not things that I  
15 thought would be especially helpful in the differential  
16 that I had or that seemed to be coming up in this case,  
17 which was not originally my differential.

18 The synaptophysin and chromogranin stains, for  
19 instance, are not things that I would have thought to do,  
20 because they're usually used in looking for  
21 neuroendocrine, usually small cell carcinomas; and these  
22 had no features of those, so I wouldn't have thought to do  
23 that.

24 However, I know that in some cases, of non-small  
25 cell carcinomas, those stains can be positive, in which

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1 case they're called large cell carcinomas, or something or  
2 other, adenocarcinomas, whatever they turn out to be, with  
3 neuroendocrine markers. And those don't seem to have a  
4 great deal of significance in response to therapy or  
5 predicting how the tumors are going to react in the long  
6 run.

7 Q. Okay. How about --

8 A. So I wouldn't have done those, but they might  
9 show some interesting information. In this case, they  
10 didn't.

11 Q. How about the cytokeratin, what would those  
12 normally be used for, briefly, please?

13 A. There are a lot of different kinds of  
14 cytokeratins, and they come in low, medium, and high  
15 molecular weights, and are expressed more strongly in one  
16 kind of cell than in another, and sometimes in different  
17 locations in the cells next to the nucleus, or more  
18 peripherally in the cell, and can be useful in  
19 subcategorizing some of these types of tumors.

20 My experience with them, in general, has been  
21 that there's so much overlap in the responses, that I  
22 don't get very much useful information in a case like  
23 this.

24 The CK 7 is one that's usually positive, for  
25 instance, in lung cancers, and is usually not positive in

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1 metastatic cancer from the colon. So if I had a question  
2 of whether this is an adenocarcinoma from the lung or the  
3 colon, that might be one of the stains that I'd do.

4 But there's not a lot of circumstances in which  
5 I find the differential a strong enough factor for me to  
6 use them all that often. I used to use them a lot, but I  
7 don't use them very much anymore.

8 Q. Would you agree that with a low-molecular-weight-  
9 keratin and a high-molecular-weight keratin, that there's  
10 a great deal of overlap in the results between cell types?

11 A. That's what I find.

12 Q. Would you agree that, if I'm summarizing your  
13 previous testimony correctly, the same is the case with  
14 the cytokeratin stains, that there's a great deal of  
15 overlap between the cell types of non-small cell cancer?

16 A. In lung cancers, yes, there is, it's been my  
17 experience.

18 Q. Using the cytokeratin stains?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. So staining, positive or negative, using  
21 cytokeratin does not provide a great deal of helpful  
22 information as to what the classification of the tumor is;  
23 is that correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Can you tell me what the Movat's Pentachrome is,

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1 what's that designed to test?

2 A. It's a connective tissue stain that is most  
3 useful for bringing out patterns. And I don't use it for  
4 cancers very often at all. I use it all the time for  
5 inflammatory lung conditions, for bringing out patterns of  
6 the lung, so that if the lung is changed by fibrosis and  
7 scarring, I can see through that and see what the lung  
8 used to look like to some extent..

9 It has in it an elastic stain, which is very  
10 useful in the lung because the lung is so full of elastic.  
11 It has a mucin stain in it, either an alcian blue or an  
12 alcian green.

13 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry; a what?

14 THE DEPONENT: A-l-c-i-a-n, blue or green,  
15 that will stain mucous those different colors. So  
16 if there's an adenocarcinoma, it could stain the  
17 mucin in the tumor, which would indicate that it's  
18 an adenocarcinoma.

19 But I don't use the Movat for that particular  
20 thing very often. It's got stain for collagen and  
21 red cells and muscle and so forth. It's a very  
22 colorful, pretty thing.

23 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

24 Q. But you would not use the Movat's as your  
25 primary stain for determining whether a cell has mucin or

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1 does not have mucin; is that correct?

2 A. It's more complicated than one needs for that  
3 particular question.

4 Q. Do you agree that approximately 75 percent of  
5 adenocarcinomas stain positive for thyroid transcription  
6 factor 1?

7 A. I really don't know. I haven't had experience  
8 with that stain.

9 Q. Have you had no experience with thyroid  
10 transcription factor 1?

11 A. I've only read about it. I've never done one.

12 Q. So would it be fair to say, then, that you are  
13 relying on Dr. Hammar's opinions and analysis concerning  
14 the significance of any of the thyroid transcription  
15 factor 1 testing?

16 A. In this case, yes, the descriptions are nice and  
17 clear, that the alveolar cells and bronchioalveolar cells  
18 are staining within -- that's what it's supposed to do --  
19 and the tumor is not, so it doesn't seem to be staining  
20 like those particular cells in this particular situation.

21 But I don't have personal experience with that  
22 stain.

23 Q. Do you have enough experience with that stain to  
24 have an opinion as to whether TTF-1 staining can be  
25 positive in large cell carcinomas?

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1 A. No, I don't know.  
 2 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether the F-4  
 3 reactive cells and F-5 reactive cells staining positive  
 4 with TTF-1 support or undercut a diagnosis of  
 5 adenocarcinoma in this case?  
 6 A. I think they provide a little information  
 7 against origin and bronchiolar cells or alveolar type 2  
 8 cells, but that's not definite. And I don't know how they  
 9 stain the usual large cell or the usual types of  
 10 adenocarcinomas in the lung.  
 11 Q. Did you actually examine the slides that  
 12 Dr. Hammar did the immunochemical staining on?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Did you look at photomicrographs --  
 15 A. No.  
 16 Q. -- of the slides?  
 17 A. No.  
 18 Q. So you're simply relying on what is actually  
 19 written in Dr. Hammar's report; is that correct?  
 20 A. Right.  
 21 Q. Do you have any opinion as to whether the  
 22 thyroid transcription factor 1 staining is a more specific  
 23 marker for adenocarcinoma than lung surfactant proteins?  
 24 A. For adenocarcinomas in general?  
 25 Q. Yes, sir.

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1 A. I really don't know.  
 2 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether surfactant  
 3 apoprotein A-1 can be positive in adenocarcinomas?  
 4 A. Well, I'd be surprised if it weren't positive in  
 5 some of them.  
 6 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether BACs with  
 7 type 2 pneumocytes are more or less likely to stain  
 8 positive for lung surfactant proteins?  
 9 A. I would be surprised if they were not more  
 10 likely to stain. I would expect them to stain with that  
 11 in most cases.  
 12 Q. Would you expect BACs with Clara cell to  
 13 generally stain negative for lung surfactant proteins?  
 14 A. I would imagine that they would occasionally be  
 15 positive, but that the interpretation of what the cell  
 16 type was would be influenced by whether it stained like  
 17 that. If it didn't stain, you'd tend to say it was not a  
 18 type 2 cell. And if it did, you'd say it was. And it  
 19 might have features of both Clara cells and type 2 cells,  
 20 so there would need to be some stains for Clara cells as  
 21 well to answer that.  
 22 Q. And to the best of your knowledge, have there  
 23 been any stains for Clara cells performed on Mr. Little's  
 24 pathology?  
 25 A. Not to my knowledge.

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1 Q. Do you know the name of the stain that would  
 2 test for the presence of Clara cells?  
 3 A. No, I don't know of really reliable stains for  
 4 Clara cells. There are a number of things that do stain  
 5 them. Their appearance, the way they grow, is one of  
 6 their characteristic features, and they have some electron  
 7 microscopic characteristics as well.  
 8 Q. And what Dr. Hammar called the reactive alveolar  
 9 lining cells, the surfactant apoprotein A-1 did stain  
 10 positive; is that correct?  
 11 A. Right.  
 12 Q. What significance do you attach to that finding?  
 13 A. It supports the concept that the stain works and  
 14 that it's staining what it's supposed to, because that's  
 15 where it should be found.  
 16 Q. Can you clarify that?  
 17 A. That the surfactants produced by type 2 cells,  
 18 these are bigger, more active type 2 cells, probably more  
 19 surfactant, and they ought to stain nicely with it, so  
 20 they do.  
 21 Q. Okay. And they did in this case, the F-4  
 22 reactive and F-5 reactive?  
 23 A. I think that's what's being described here.  
 24 Q. How do the results of the apoprotein A-1 testing  
 25 support your opinion as to cell type or causation?

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1 A. They don't stain the tumor. They do stain  
 2 reactive type 2 cells. That's some evidence.  
 3 That's pretty good evidence that the tumor cells  
 4 are not producing surfactant. That doesn't necessarily  
 5 mean that they aren't some kind of bronchiolar cell that  
 6 could grow like a BAC.  
 7 But the BACs are really defined, at present, not  
 8 by stains which would indicate their cell of origin, but  
 9 by the pattern of growth, it's how they grow.  
 10 For instance, there are -- one of the types of  
 11 BAC is a mucinous type, in which mucinous cells produce  
 12 mucin, and there's no cell that looks like that in the  
 13 normal bronchiole or the normal alveolus; yet this is  
 14 termed a type of BAC because of the fact that it grows  
 15 along the alveolar walls.  
 16 So it doesn't provide any absolute answers, but  
 17 if it had stained the tumor, it would have given me more  
 18 pause to think, could this have originated in an alveolar  
 19 type 2 cell? But even so, for it to be what we  
 20 traditionally call BACs, the things that have a background  
 21 of statistics, which I can't talk about, bearing on  
 22 tobacco relationship, it's still not defined that way by  
 23 the cell of origin; it's defined by the pattern of growth.  
 24 Q. Okay. Would you agree that the positive  
 25 staining in the reactive cells would tend to be supportive.

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1 of an adenocarcinoma?

2 A. I don't think it has any bearing on that.

3 Q. Okay. Would you agree with the statement that  
4 adenocarcinomas are identified by gland formation and/or  
5 mucin production in the form of intracytoplasmic vacuoles?

6 A. That sounds like a direct quote from me.

7 Q. Would you agree with that statement?

8 A. And I still agree with myself on that one.

9 Q. Doctor, is it common in the field of pathology  
10 to do mucin stains on pathology to determine if the tissue  
11 is an adenocarcinoma?

12 A. It is commonly done. It's not done across the  
13 board. It's considered unnecessary for practical  
14 treatment purposes. The statement is often made that it's  
15 not recommended that we do mucinous stains on every tumor,  
16 but it is very commonly done. I do it frequently.

17 Q. But for purposes of determining -- in the  
18 treatment context, it's not necessarily important to know  
19 whether it's an adenocarcinoma; is that correct?

20 A. Adenocarcinoma versus large cell, the  
21 adenocarcinomas that you can only tell that's what they  
22 are, by doing a mucin stain, act the same way as if they  
23 didn't have the mucin, so that it doesn't make any  
24 difference for treatment purposes. So I think that's why  
25 it's recommended they not be done. They don't cost all

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1 that much, but it doesn't seem to help.

2 Q. Because what really matters, is it small cell or  
3 is it non-small cell, is that correct, for treatment?

4 A. That and for purposes of prognosis. If it's  
5 BAC, the prognosis is a little different. If it's  
6 squamous, the prognosis is a little different. If it's a  
7 solid adenocarcinoma or a solid large cell carcinoma, the  
8 prognosis is about the same; the response of treatment is  
9 about the same.

10 Q. But in situations where the subclassification of  
11 the non-small cell cancer is important, mucin stains are  
12 recommended as a stain to determine whether it is an  
13 adenocarcinoma or not, correct?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Does the World Health Organization still  
16 recommend the use of a stain containing alcian green  
17 mucin?

18 A. I doubt it. The Europeans were really the ones  
19 that started doing that originally, and Americans tended  
20 to use alcian blues. And there are a fair number of labs  
21 in this country that used an alcian green, just because it  
22 was there.

23 Blue and yellow make green. There's an alcian  
24 blue; there's an alcian yellow. If you add the two  
25 together, you get a green, and that's really what alcian

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1 green is. So I think we just tend to use alcian blues.

2 Q. Is that what you use here at MUSC when you need  
3 to determine whether it's an adenocarcinoma by staining?

4 A. We use that, we use a PAS stain, and there are a  
5 few others we use, mucicarmine stains.

6 Q. Could you list all the stains that you are aware  
7 of that you use here at MUSC to determine whether there is  
8 mucin production in a tumor. You've already mentioned  
9 alcian blue, the mucicarmine. What is the PAS is that the  
10 periodic acid shift distaste (sic)?

11 A. Diastase.

12 Q. Diastase.

13 A. Right. That's one that's very commonly used,  
14 and I think the only other one we use commonly -- it's not  
15 too common -- is a Hale's colloidal iron stain.

16 I think for practical purposes, the alcian  
17 stains, the PAS, and the mucicarmine are the things that  
18 people generally use.

19 Q. Tell me if you still agree with this statement.  
20 Undifferentiated large cell carcinoma may be regarded in  
21 some cases as a failure of classification, a garbage can  
22 class of epidermoid and adenocarcinomas lacking the  
23 specific features needed to differentiate between them.

24 Would you agree with that?

25 A. Sometimes I think that's the case.

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1 Q. Would you agree with this statement: Given  
2 additional materials, such tumors usually prove to be  
3 adenocarcinomas.

4 A. I think they turn out to be adenos more often  
5 than anything else.

6 Q. And one of the ways to determine if they were  
7 adenocarcinomas would be to do one of the mucin stains; is  
8 that correct?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Would you agree that in situations where you do  
11 not have a large amount of pathology material available  
12 for histological examination, that a mucin stain would be  
13 the next most reliable indicator of whether it was  
14 adenocarcinoma or not?

15 A. I think so.

16 Q. To your knowledge, has any mucin testing or  
17 staining been done on Mr. Little's pathology materials?

18 A. I don't remember one. I see here that there was  
19 a Movat that was done.

20 It simply says done. It doesn't say if there  
21 was any mucin found or not. I guess there wasn't. It did  
22 not look like the kind of tumor that would produce mucin.  
23 You can't always tell by looking at them with an H & E.

24 Q. Because when, for example, you looked at the  
25 September 1996 pathology, you saw something in the

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1 pathology that appeared to be a gland formation or a gland  
2 that was trying to form; is that correct?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And it would be -- would it be those types of  
5 glands that form the mucin?

6 A. Well, the glands can accumulate mucin, but as  
7 from the statement you read earlier, I like to see the  
8 tumor -- I like to see the mucin within the cytoplasm of  
9 the tumor cell itself, just to prove that it didn't come  
10 from some adjacent source.

11 Q. Is there any way to see the mucin in the  
12 cytoplasm of the cell itself without using a mucin stain?  
13 Can you just see it histologically?

14 A. Sometimes, but frequently you cannot. And one  
15 of the main reasons for not doing this stain, as I've said  
16 earlier, is that it just doesn't seem to make any  
17 difference as far as treatment and prognosis. So I think  
18 that's the reason people don't do so many of them as they  
19 used to.

20 Q. But you do realize that in the context of  
21 Mr. Little, all the staining that has been done is not for  
22 treatment, but for the purposes of litigation; is that  
23 correct?

24 A. I think -- well, this staining has been done  
25 because of the litigation.

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1 Q. And you're referring to Dr. Hammar's staining,  
2 correct?

3 A. Right. The other stains that were done, I'm not  
4 sure what all was done. I remember the CEA, because I  
5 took a picture of a negative CEA; that was done.

6 Q. Let me clarify then. Dr. Hammar's staining was  
7 not done for any sort of treatment purpose; is that  
8 correct?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Simply for litigation?

11 A. That was done for purposes of classifications  
12 because of litigation issues, yes.

13 Q. And do you realize that the issue with  
14 classification is Defendant's contention that Mr. Little  
15 had an adenocarcinoma, correct?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. Specifically, that Mr. Little had a BAC; is that  
18 correct?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. Would you agree that it would be reasonable, if  
21 you're trying to determine whether a tumor is or is not an  
22 adenocarcinoma, to do a mucin stain?

23 A. It wouldn't hurt. It's an easy thing to do.

24 The reason that I'm saying it's not a BAC is not  
25 because it does or does not have mucin, because it doesn't

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1 grow like one. If it grew like one and if I wanted to  
2 know whether it was the mucinous type, I could do one;  
3 although in the case of BACs, that really is obvious on an  
4 H & E because you have these tall cells that have a goblet  
5 appearance, goblet cells more or less. And it's not even  
6 necessary to do the mucin stain to call it a mucinous type  
7 adenocarcinoma with a BAC.

8 If it's not a BAC, but if you still want to know  
9 whether it's an adenocarcinoma, it would be a reasonable  
10 thing to do.

11 Q. Okay. So the answer to my question is, yes, if  
12 there is an issue as to what a tumor is, whether it is or  
13 is not adenocarcinoma, then doing a mucin stain would be  
14 the way to obtain that information; is that correct?

15 A. That would be the sensible thing to do.

16 Q. Okay. And would it not also be a sensible thing  
17 to do in the context of pathology material that is simply  
18 diagnosed as large cell carcinoma?

19 A. If one wanted to try to differentiate between  
20 large cell and adenocarcinoma, it would be a reasonable  
21 thing to do. In fact, that is one of the main reasons for  
22 doing it.

23 Q. Because as you, yourself, have written, most  
24 undifferentiated large cell carcinoma with additional  
25 testing will prove to be adenocarcinoma; is that correct?

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1 A. Right, and that's with small amounts of tumor.  
2 We didn't have large amounts here, but everything seemed  
3 to be solid.

4 So I guess doing a mucin stain didn't seem to be  
5 anything that anybody thought of as being needed. It's  
6 interesting that that is one of the components of Movat's,  
7 and that Dr. Hammar did it. I don't see that he said  
8 anything about mucin.

9 I haven't got his report here still, do I?

10 Q. But now you said that --

11 A. Like I said, if he were looking for mucin, I  
12 don't think he would have done a Movat, he would have done  
13 an AB, PAS, or something like that.

14 Q. Correct.

15 Dr. Harley, at least with respect to the  
16 pathology sample that you took the photomicrographs of,  
17 and I'm specifically referencing slide 18-2, where you  
18 suggested that the tumor was supposed to be making  
19 glandular space, and when I asked you if, in your  
20 definition, that's suggestive of an adenocarcinoma, you  
21 stated that it was suggestive of an adenocarcinoma; is  
22 that correct?

23 A. Right. That's something that I didn't really  
24 appreciate when I first looked at this, and then in  
25 reviewing these photographs in such detail, it did seem to



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1 be more obvious, and I know that -- I notice here that  
 2 Dr. Hammar, at one point, said he found features  
 3 consistent with adeno squamous at one point.  
 4 Q. And actually --  
 5 A. So it does seem to have some features that would  
 6 make one wonder about that.  
 7 Q. And at least with respect to the September 1996  
 8 biopsy material, that is one of those very small samples  
 9 that you discuss in your book as being potentially  
 10 adenocarcinoma with more materials or with further  
 11 testing, correct?  
 12 A. Correct. That is a small fragment of tumor.  
 13 Q. Okay. Now, would you have considered doing a  
 14 cytokeratin 13 stain on Mr. Little's pathology materials?  
 15 A. Not offhand. I'm not even sure whether a  
 16 cytokeratin 13 stains.  
 17 Q. How about a cytokeratin 17?  
 18 A. Same thing, it's not one that -- that's one of  
 19 the new cytokeratins, and I haven't had very much personal  
 20 experience with those.  
 21 Q. How about the CD-44-S stain?  
 22 A. That didn't occur to me. I use that  
 23 occasionally, but wouldn't have especially thought of  
 24 doing it here.  
 25 Q. How about the CD-44-V6 stain?

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1 A. I think that has another name. I'm not sure  
 2 what it is. A lot of the immunostains have more than one  
 3 name, and they get called by a certain name in one  
 4 institution and by another name in another one and they're  
 5 the same thing.  
 6 So I'm not sure exactly which CD-44 that is, and  
 7 I'd have to look at our stain sheet and see if that fits  
 8 as to anything I want to use, but it's not something that,  
 9 offhand, I would have thought of using in this case.  
 10 Q. Okay. How about a collagen 4 stain?  
 11 A. That sounds like something that Dr. Barsky would  
 12 like to use. I may not know enough about the reactions of  
 13 the different types of collagen, seeing whether or not  
 14 basement membrane type collagen has accumulated in the  
 15 middle of the tumor and so forth. That is the sort of  
 16 thing that he's famous for. And it's not one that I do  
 17 routinely. In fact, I may never have done it in a case of  
 18 lung cancer, although I read about it occasionally.  
 19 Q. Would it be fair to say that there isn't any IHC  
 20 stain or any stain of any type that will tell you the  
 21 cause of a lung cancer?  
 22 A. That's true.  
 23 Q. Likewise, there is no staining that can be done  
 24 to a cancer cell to determine if a patient was, in fact, a  
 25 cigarette smoker; is that correct?

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1 A. That's correct.  
 2 MS. SCHMAHL: Can we take a break for seven  
 3 minutes?  
 4 MR. EVANS: Sure.  
 5 (A recess transpired.)  
 6 BY MS. SCHMAHL:  
 7 Q. Dr. Harley, would you agree with me that  
 8 tuberculosis can cause scarring in the lungs?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. Tuberculosis is an infectious disease that is  
 11 not caused by smoking, correct?  
 12 A. Correct.  
 13 Q. Would you agree that histoplasmosis (ph) is an  
 14 infectious fungal disease?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. And that can cause scarring in the lungs?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. And it's not caused by smoking, correct?  
 19 A. Correct.  
 20 Q. Is it correct that pneumonia can also cause  
 21 scarring of the lungs?  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. And it, too, is an infectious disease that is  
 24 not caused by smoking, correct?  
 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And occupational exposure, such as asbestos, can  
 2 cause lung scarring; is that correct?  
 3 A. Correct.  
 4 Q. Silica can also cause lung scarring; is that  
 5 correct?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. There's a phenomena called scar cancers; is that  
 8 correct?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. Scar cancer is a cancer that grows out of a scar  
 11 in the lung; is that correct?  
 12 A. I think scar cancer keeps being redefined,  
 13 partially because of Dr. Barsky's work, but it's related  
 14 to a scar in the lung. The question is whether the cancer  
 15 grew from the scar or the scar grew from the cancer.  
 16 In any case, there is such an entity, and the  
 17 cancer is related to the scar and grows from the outside  
 18 of the scar.  
 19 Q. Would you agree that Dr. Barsky is one of the  
 20 foremost authorities on scar cancers?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. To be a true scar cancer, the scar would have to  
 23 precede the cancer; is that correct?  
 24 A. It depends on the definition of scar cancer.  
 25 But for a scar cancer to be a cancer that originated

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1 around the edges of the scar, the scar would have to be  
2 there first.

3 Q. So the cancer would have to develop out of the  
4 scar instead of the scar being the result of the cancer's  
5 process; is that correct?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. So you would agree, then, that whether there are  
8 cancers that cause scars, there are also cancers that  
9 originate from scars.

10 A. I think there are some, yes.

11 Q. You noted in your expert report on the first  
12 page, second paragraph that, quote, there was a calcified  
13 spot at the top of the left lung which may have been  
14 caused by an old healed tuberculosis; do you recall that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And your report also noted two small nodules in  
17 the lower part of the right lung?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Do you have any opinion as to what those two  
20 small nodules were?

21 A. Maybe I'm getting tired, but I can't remember  
22 having looked at those under the microscope. If I see  
23 them under the microscope, I can tell you what they are,  
24 but I don't think I saw those.

25 Q. To your knowledge, was that information taken,

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1 perhaps, from a radiology report or a CT scan?

2 A. I think it was.

3 Q. Do you have any knowledge as to whether those  
4 two small nodules were biopsied?

5 A. I don't believe they were. We had biopsies from  
6 the right lower lobe. One of them had -- the one that was  
7 described as fibrosis and pneumonia, and the other one had  
8 tumor, and I don't think either one of those was what was  
9 described in the original radiology report.

10 Q. And when you say "the original radiology  
11 report," are you talking about the reports from 1995, when  
12 he was originally diagnosed with cancer?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. If the calcified spot at the top of Mr. Little's  
15 left lung existed before his cancer developed, then as a  
16 matter of logic, that calcified spot was not caused by  
17 cancer; is that correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Would the calcified spot be something that would  
20 be consistent with a scar?

21 A. Yes.

22 (DFT. EXH. 36, X-ray Report dated  
23 10/29/85, was marked for  
24 identification.)

25 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

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1 Q. Doctor, you've just been handed what's been  
2 marked as Exhibit 36 to your deposition. For  
3 identification, Exhibit 36 is an x-ray report dated  
4 November -- dated October 29th, 1985.

5 Directing your attention to, there's actually  
6 only one paragraph of text, it says PA, and lateral films  
7 of the chest reveal a calcified granuloma on the left.

8 Do you see that?

9 A. I do.

10 Q. Is -- and this was an x-ray of Mr. Little's left  
11 chest; is that correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Is it correct that the calcified granuloma on  
14 the left may well be what you reported in your expert  
15 report as a calcified spot at the top of the left lung?

16 A. Probably was the same thing.

17 Q. And if it was -- this report is 1985, correct?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. And the x-ray report that you reference in your  
20 expert report is 1995, correct?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. So this would be ten years beforehand?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Are you aware, Dr. Harley, that Mr. Little has  
25 died?

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. Do you know whether an autopsy was performed on  
3 Mr. Little or not?

4 A. Was not.

5 Q. Is there any reason that an autopsy could not  
6 have been performed on Mr. Little?

7 A. No.

8 Q. If an autopsy had been performed on Mr. Little,  
9 we would have further evidence about this possible  
10 granuloma in his left lobe; is that correct?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. If you or somebody here at MUSC did an autopsy  
13 on Mr. Little, you may have been able to collect  
14 additional tissue material from Mr. Little's lungs that  
15 would have helped you in your determination of lung cell  
16 type; is that correct?

17 A. It could have, yes.

18 Q. Would it be fair to say that there is no doubt  
19 that an autopsy of Mr. Little would have provided  
20 additional information about his medical condition?

21 A. Autopsies nearly always do and probably would  
22 have in this case.

23 Q. Autopsies can sometimes provide what is known as  
24 autopsy surprise; is that correct?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. During your experience with autopsies, have you  
2 ever experienced autopsy surprise?

3 A. I've never actually called it that, but I've  
4 experienced it a number of times.

5 Q. For example, you find something in the autopsy  
6 that you didn't know existed before, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Or you believed that the patient suffered from a  
9 primary condition, but upon autopsy, discovered that, in  
10 fact, another condition had resulted in that patient's  
11 death; is that correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. You can, for example, on an autopsy, find a  
14 cancer that you never knew the patient had during his or  
15 her lifetime; is that correct?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. Similarly, you can find a primary cancer that  
18 you did not know existed during that patient's lifetime;  
19 is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. There is published medical literature that does  
22 discuss the frequency of autopsy surprise; is that  
23 correct?

24 A. There are a number of reports on that, yes.

25 Q. Based on your review of any of that medical

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1 literature, do you have an opinion as to what percentage  
2 of cases result in some measure of autopsy surprise?

3 A. Depending on how surprised one wants to be,  
4 about a third of cases reveal significant findings that  
5 were not suspected before autopsy. And about, oh, 12  
6 percent or so, have findings that could have changed  
7 treatment and might have resulted in the patient's  
8 survival had it been known prior to the patient's death.

9 Oftentimes, these occur in people who have not  
10 been sick very long. And the docs in the hospitals simply  
11 haven't had enough time to work the patients up thoroughly  
12 and would have picked up these conditions had they had  
13 more time.

14 But in a significant number of cases, things  
15 that are obvious at autopsy were just missed. That's  
16 always been true.

17 Q. Would it be fair to say that in this case,  
18 because no autopsy was performed on Mr. Little, we have no  
19 way of knowing whether his autopsy would have revealed  
20 surprises or not?

21 A. No, we don't know. I think the fact that he has  
22 lung cancer is clear. And the chances of his not-having  
23 lung cancer at autopsy are almost nil. But there could  
24 have been any number of other things that could have been  
25 found.

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1 Q. Now, in your expert disclosures, the section  
2 before, which has already been marked into evidence, you  
3 stated that one of the works that you rely on is the Dail  
4 and Hammar book; is that correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. I'd like to refer you to the Dail and Hammar  
7 book Pulmonary Pathology, at page 1163. Looking in the  
8 left-hand column, I believe it is the third paragraph  
9 down, the author wrote: In this author's experience the  
10 majority of pulmonary adenocarcinomas are associated with  
11 scarring; is that correct?

12 A. That's true.

13 Q. Do you agree with that statement?

14 A. Yes, I think that most lung cancers of any kind  
15 are associated with some kind of scarring.

16 The peculiarity of so-called scar cancers is  
17 that they're usually called that when they're relatively  
18 early and small and the scarring is sort of surprisingly  
19 prominent portion of the cancer; whereas, if they were  
20 bigger and there was a lot of necrosis and then scarring  
21 and so forth, nobody would comment on it.

22 Q. Let me ask you--

23 A. Perhaps that's what he's talking to.

24 Q. With respect to what's written there on page  
25 1163, what Dail and Hammar are actually talking about is

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1 the phenomena of scar cancer, correct, scarring causing  
2 the cancer rather than cancer resulting in scarring; is  
3 that correct?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. And do you agree with their conclusion that the  
6 majority of pulmonary adenocarcinomas are associated with  
7 scarring?

8 A. Right. I think that Dr. Hammar is correct, that  
9 there is scarring in most adenocarcinomas.

10 Q. Would you agree that a granuloma can develop  
11 into scar tissue?

12 A. They nearly always do.

13 Q. And granulomas in a person's lung can be caused  
14 by numerous diseases, such as TB; is that correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. They can also be caused by occupational  
17 exposure, such as exposure to asbestos; is that correct?

18 A. Not really. There really -- there's not much of  
19 a granulomas component to asbestos, but there are a lot of  
20 granulomas in lung diseases that result in scarring. The  
21 very smallest granulomas might go away, but the bigger  
22 ones associated with TB, histoplasmosis, which you've  
23 mentioned; around here, heartworms, we see a modest number  
24 of those; a number of other fungal conditions; foreign  
25 body responses; sarcoidosis is a very common cause; all of

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1 these things produce scars if they go on for long enough.  
2 Q. Doctor, are you aware of any published medical  
3 literature that associates granulomas with tobacco smoke?

4 A. No, not directly.

5 Q. Did you consider the origin of Mr. Little's  
6 granuloma in your evaluation of his cancer?

7 A. Not really, we didn't have it, and it seemed to  
8 have been there prior to the cancer but was, I think, not  
9 toward the center of what was described as the cancer when  
10 it was removed.

11 Q. Did you see any --

12 A. Can I move this thing out of the way?

13 Q. Did you see any desmoplastic reaction in any of  
14 Mr. Little's tumors?

15 A. The first samples were small. The second ones  
16 occurred after all of that radiation and chemotherapy,  
17 which produces scarring. And desmoplasia just simply  
18 means scarring, although it implies that the scarring is a  
19 response to the cancer if you're talking about  
20 desmoplastic cancers.

21 But there was so much scarring caused by the  
22 radiation, that really was not possible to assess, and you  
23 couldn't relate it to the cancer.

24 Q. Did you see any scarring in the pre-radiation,  
25 pre-chemotherapy tumor samples?

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1 A. I don't -- I didn't make any note of it, and I  
2 don't remember it.

3 Q. What would your criteria for scar cancer be, if  
4 you have an opinion on that?

5 A. Well, bearing in mind that two possibilities  
6 formed by the tumor occurred before the tumor, I think  
7 scar cancers do occur; and that in cases where there are  
8 scars in the lung from various purposes, if one sees scars  
9 with atypical hyperplasia around them and then another  
10 similar scar with a cancer appearing that arises from the  
11 edge of it, it makes sense that the tumor might have  
12 occurred at that site.

13 I know that tuberculosis has been associated  
14 with lung cancer in a small number of cases, it's not a  
15 very strong relationship, but it's there. The  
16 tuberculosis reaction, though, is sufficiently  
17 distinctive, that if a scar is caused by old TB or old  
18 histoplasmosis, and if the cancer arises from the edge of  
19 it, it would be remarked upon, that would be truly  
20 unusual. That's not seen that much.

21 Q. Would you agree that with a cancer that has a  
22 mass of 4 centimeters, that that's a fairly mature cancer?

23 A. That's a sizable cancer.

24 Q. Do you have any opinion as to how old the cancer  
25 is using principles of doubling time?

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1 A. Not really; a year perhaps. There would be  
2 thoughts that if you took it back to an individual cell,  
3 that it could be a very long time.

4 The -- all the talk about doubling rates and how  
5 big things were and tracing them back and so forth has  
6 been very confusing in my mind. It doesn't make really  
7 good sense.

8 I can show you any number of cases in which the  
9 primary cancer in the lung is a small thing, sometimes too  
10 small to be detected on x-ray, and the liver weighs 3,000  
11 grams and is full of huge tumor nodules much larger than  
12 the primary site, and obviously the lung started it all,  
13 and it was there first, so the cancer sort of chooses how  
14 fast it's going to grow.

15 Q. Have you noticed --

16 A. But the tumors -- a year -- for a 4 centimeter  
17 tumor is like that. (Indicating)

18 Q. About a lemon size, bigger than a golf ball?

19 A. It's smaller than a lemon.

20 Q. Okay. Bigger than a golf ball?

21 A. It's about a golf ball size.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. So one, two, three, four, five years, six years.  
24 (Indicating)

25 But it was there when it was so small it was

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1 invisible.

2 Q. So it may have been present, subclinically, five  
3 to six years?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. Given the size of the tumor at the time that it  
6 was actually diagnosed, the size of about a golf ball,  
7 would you agree that to the extent that tumor may have  
8 arisen out of a scar, that would be difficult to determine  
9 at that point in the tumor's life?

10 A. Because it was so big, that it had enveloped or  
11 destroyed the scar?

12 Q. Yes, sir.

13 A. It's possible. I wouldn't think it would be --  
14 I would think it would be detectable if it were a scar  
15 cancer. That's where the idea came from, and you see  
16 them, and there's a big scar in the middle of them. I  
17 don't see any evidence of that in this case.

18 Q. But --

19 A. And I think the thing was close enough to the  
20 hilum, so it was probably around the bronchi. It was my  
21 interpretation, and you have shaken my beliefs a little  
22 bit with all of this, that it probably arose from a  
23 bronchus; that's what I thought.

24 Q. Sir, would you agree --

25 A. I can grant the possibility that it could have

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1 come from scar or smaller airway, but I think it's more  
2 likely it came from a larger airway and not from a scar.  
3 Q. Would you agree that when the left lobectomy was  
4 done on Mr. Little in March of 1996, the pathology  
5 specimen that they took, there's no way to tell whether  
6 that was taken from the core, the center of the tumor, or  
7 what exact portion of the tumor, itself, the pathology  
8 materials that you looked at came from?

9 A. In the larger lobectomy specimen, there are  
10 certain things I can tell. If I see normal lung and tumor  
11 next to it, I can say this is in the periphery. If it's  
12 all tumor, I can say that's it's inside the tumor. Beyond  
13 that, I couldn't really say, just from looking at the  
14 slides.

15 Q. Right. So it would not be possible, unless the  
16 pathologist had identified it as being a slide taken from  
17 the exact center of the tumor, you couldn't tell, by  
18 looking at it under the microscope, whether it did come  
19 from the center of the tumor or not; is that correct?

20 A. That's correct. And all I could say is that it  
21 was inside the tumor somewhere.

22 Q. If Mr. Little had a history of scarring in his  
23 lungs, would that affect your opinion in any way as to  
24 causation or cell type?

25 A. Well, he did have some little scars. I don't

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1 think they had anything to do with this tumor. So I guess  
2 the answer is that didn't affect my opinion.

3 Q. Are you familiar with the term  
4 "de-differentiation"?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What does that term mean?

7 A. That in terms of a cancer that is well or better  
8 differentiated and looked more like the tissue from which  
9 it came at a given time, it changed so that it did not  
10 look so much like that, and finally to the point that it  
11 might not have looked like it all. It's appearance of the  
12 individual cells and of the pattern of growth would have  
13 changed and become less well-differentiated than it was  
14 originally.

15 Q. Would you agree that a younger tumor may well  
16 have more clearly-defined cells?

17 A. Smaller tumors and earlier tumors frequently do,  
18 yes.

19 Q. And as the tumor matures and ages and there's  
20 necrosis and continuing mutations, that that tumor may  
21 become increasingly more poorly-differentiated?

22 A. That does happen, usually as a response to  
23 therapy, but it can also happen spontaneously.

24 (DFT. EXH. 37, Surgical Pathology Report  
25 dated 2/9/99, was marked for

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1 identification.)

2 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

3 Q. Okay. You've just been handed what has been  
4 marked as Exhibit 37 to your deposition. For  
5 identification, Exhibit 37 is a cytopathology report dated  
6 February 9th, 1999.

7 According to Exhibit 37, you were the consulting  
8 pathologist for Mr. Little's February 9th diagnosis; is  
9 that correct?

10 A. Am I missing something here?

11 Q. I think you are.

12 A. All I see here is John Metcalf.

13 MS. SCHMAHL: For the record, what had been  
14 marked as Defendant's Exhibit 37 was the incorrect  
15 document and has been withdrawn and replaced.

16 Defendant's Exhibit 37 is now a surgical  
17 pathology report dated February 9, 1999.

18 BY MS. SCHMAHL:

19 Q. Dr. Harley, you were the consulting pathologist  
20 on Mr. Harley's (sic) February 9th pathology report; is  
21 that correct?

22 A. Mr. Little's report, yes. Now, this is from  
23 2-9-99.

24 Q. Right. And in this 2-9-99 surgical pathology  
25 report, your diagnosis was that it was a non-small

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1 carcinoma, poorly-differentiated; is that correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Would this be an example of de-differentiation,  
4 where when you looked at Mr. Little's earlier tumor  
5 samples, you had diagnosed them as large cell, but here in  
6 February of 1999, your diagnosis was simply  
7 poorly-differentiated non-small cell?

8 A. There could be a component of that. More  
9 likely, this is simply a matter of having a very small  
10 specimen. These are transbronchial biopsies, and by their  
11 nature, extremely limited. Each one of them about, well,  
12 smaller than a match head, so they're really tiny.

13 Q. Do you recall or do you have any opinion as to  
14 whether Mr. Little's February 1999 pathology materials  
15 were less well-differentiated than his March or September  
16 1996 materials?

17 A. No, I don't remember, and I think it would be  
18 hard to say with small specimens like this, depending on  
19 how lucky one happened to be with the biopsy.

20 Q. Would you expect to see more or less  
21 de-differentiation in a primary lung cancer that had  
22 already metastasized?

23 A. Well, if it's metastasized, it tends to be  
24 later. And so if there's going to be any  
25 de-differentiation, it would tend to occur in such tumors,

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1 but I think therapy is a bigger factor in whether they do  
2 that, in my experience.

3 Q. How does de-differentiation relate to  
4 heterogeneity, if at all?

5 A. Of the tumor?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. They could be related. In what sense are you  
8 referring to heterogeneity? Are you talking about the way  
9 the tumor cells grow in one place versus another?

10 Q. Well, why don't you give it whatever definition  
11 you want, and then tell me what, if anything -- what, if  
12 any, relationship that would have to de-differentiation?

13 A. Heterogenous is opposite from homogenous.  
14 Homogenous is everything's the same. Heterogenous is  
15 everything is different.

16 In the case of cancers, there can be tumors that  
17 have totally different appearances, sometimes within the  
18 same microscopic field. So there's an adenocarcinoma  
19 here, something that looks squamoid over here, something  
20 that's solid over here, maybe a little bone production  
21 over here, so they do a lot of different things. One  
22 could actually look at that as being a manifestation of  
23 differentiation.

24 But if, for instance, the tumor were an  
25 adenocarcinoma and made glands and then stopped doing

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1 that, that part of the tumor would look like the solid  
2 component, and this is very confusing, but  
3 de-differentiation, total de-differentiation would result  
4 in a more homogenous pattern rather than a heterogenous  
5 pattern.

6 On the other hand, de-differentiation implies  
7 change in the tumor and the tumor could decide to change  
8 and start producing different patterns. I've seen them do  
9 that.

10 So, actually, I guess, it could go either way.

11 Q. I would like to, hopefully very briefly, discuss  
12 some of the diagnostic criteria for BAC with you. I know  
13 it's getting late and everyone would like to wrap this up.  
14 What are the Air Force Institute of Pathology, the AFIP  
15 criteria for determining whether a cancer is a BAC?

16 A. I think the major feature is the lipidic growth  
17 pattern, wherein it grows along alveolar walls without  
18 destruction of the wall.

19 Q. Are there any other diagnostic criteria that you  
20 are aware that the AFIP uses for BAC?

21 A. I think it is allowed to have a scar, if it's a  
22 single small nodule, and allowed to grow into the scar, so  
23 long as it doesn't grow into normal lung tissues around  
24 the outside; for instance, across the connective tissue  
25 septa, through the wall of the bronchus or through the

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1 pleura; and the tumor should have only the lipidic growth  
2 pattern. Lots of lung cancers are adenocarcinomas with  
3 some focal features of BAC.

4 The stringency with which the criteria are  
5 applied vary from one pathologist to another.

6 Q. Does the AFIP criteria for diagnosing BAC, would  
7 it exclude as a BAC any tumor that had metastasized?

8 A. The new definitions would suggest that it should  
9 be localized to the lung.

10 Q. My question is --

11 A. However, it's not used that way; it never has  
12 been. The BAC is the appearance of this lipidic growth  
13 pattern in the lung. If it's in a lymph node, I think  
14 most pathologists would still say that's a BAC; it has  
15 metastasized to the lymph node.

16 Q. So you do not follow the strict 1999 WHO  
17 classification that now would exclude any metastatic tumor  
18 from being a BAC; is that correct?

19 A. No. For purposes of classifying these now and  
20 putting them in a tumor registry and trying to comply with  
21 what they're trying to do, which is to show the -- a large  
22 difference in behavior, if these criteria are adhered to,  
23 I am trying to do that, and if I feel like the picture is  
24 incomplete, I use their terms, and then explain it in a  
25 footnote.

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1 Q. So you --

2 A. And I'm using the term "adenocarcinoma with  
3 bronchioalveolar features" very commonly now; whereas, I  
4 didn't before.

5 Q. Doctor, would you agree that a peripheral  
6 pleura-based tumor is one indicator of BAC?

7 A. Right, they are, at least my definition,  
8 peripheral.

9 Q. That a tumor that manifests a  
10 well-differentiated adeno-carco (ph) tenacious  
11 infiltration pattern with an intact interstitial framework  
12 of the lung with no evidence of a primary adenocarcinoma  
13 at some extra pulmonary site and pleural puckering would  
14 be consistent with a BAC?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. In order for a cancer to be a BAC, does it have  
17 to be homogeneous throughout the tumor?

18 A. It has to be fairly homogeneous in its growth  
19 pattern. It can't be extremely papillary. It can't grow  
20 in a solid pattern to a great degree. It has to grow  
21 along the alveolar walls and essentially nothing else.

22 Q. Would you agree that BACs can be heterogeneous?

23 A. Heterogeneous?

24 Q. Yes, sir.

25 A. They can be, to some extent.

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1 Now, there's a big question as to whether the  
2 multiple fossae that are characteristic of BAC are  
3 metastases or whether they're individual primary tumors.  
4 And there is some fairly high-power recent literature  
5 suggesting both sides of that issue.

6 So to my way of thinking, it's still not  
7 settled, although it apparently can have multiple fossae  
8 of development or it can spread through airways and  
9 implant itself and grow. I think it seems to be capable  
10 of doing both things.

11 Q. Would you agree that a BAC can de-differentiate?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. I just want to clarify what you said a few  
14 minutes ago. You are currently using the 1999 WHO  
15 Classification for Tumor Registry; is that correct?

16 A. Right. I'm also -- since I'm putting these in  
17 the tumor registry from material here, I personally try to  
18 use those criteria for any diagnosis. Other people aren't  
19 quite so strict about that as I am.

20 Q. Do you have any opinion as to whether the new  
21 diagnostic criteria for BAC, does that implicate the  
22 validity of epidemiological studies that used an older  
23 diagnostic criteria, such as the AFIP?

24 A. The differences between the new WHO and the  
25 older, but relatively recent, AFIP fascicle are not great.

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1 They're pretty nearly the same, but there are, I think,  
2 clearly implications, in that the stricter the criteria,  
3 the fewer tumors fit those criteria.

4 And the -- in a case of 100 lung cancers, the  
5 fewer BACs would be accepted. The -- if you permit the  
6 term cruder of the criteria, the looser the criteria, the  
7 more adenocarcinomas with bronchioalveolar features are  
8 included; that is, more things that are more ordinary  
9 adenocarcinomas that grow a little bit like a BAC.

10 And some of this could explain the relatively  
11 huge differences in incidence of BACs in various  
12 collections in various places, but some of it is sort of  
13 beyond my ability to explain.

14 I don't understand how Dr. Barsky can have 24  
15 percent BACs, and other people are down at the 9 or 10  
16 percent range. But he's talking about women, mostly; he's  
17 in a different part of the country. I'm not sure. But it  
18 is possible to have quite a range of things that one calls  
19 BAC, depending on how strict the criteria are.

20 Q. And would you agree that all of the  
21 epidemiological studies done to date, that none of them  
22 would have used the 1999 WHO criteria?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. At this point in time, with the state of current  
25 medical literature, have any studies been published that

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1 would contradict earlier epidemiological studies that used  
2 looser criteria for what constituted BAC?

3 A. I haven't seen any.

4 Q. And that's the purpose of, for example, the  
5 tumor registry that you're doing now, is that correct, to  
6 see whether a more stringent standard or diagnostic  
7 criteria for BAC will reveal additional information about  
8 the course of treatment, causation, and things of that  
9 nature; is that correct?

10 A. It can be used for that. It's mostly just to  
11 have readily available a variety of different types of  
12 tumors for genetic studies and things of that nature.

13 Q. But at this point, the process is new enough  
14 that the jury's just not in on that; is that correct?

15 A. Right. However, I would point out that few, if  
16 any, prior studies would have called Mr. Little's cancer a  
17 BAC.

18 I think the fact that we have several different  
19 pathologists, including the ones that saw this originally  
20 at MUSC, you know, not even thinking of BAC, to support  
21 that notion, that nobody would have called this a BAC --

22 Q. Because --

23 A. -- in any of the older studies.

24 Q. Because, in your opinion at least, Mr. Little's  
25 cancer would not have met the definition of even an

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1 earlier diagnostic criteria?

2 A. It doesn't look a thing like one, it doesn't  
3 grow alveolar walls in a lipidic fashion, so nobody would  
4 have looked at this and said, oh, look at the BAC.

5 Q. But is it fair to say that equally competent  
6 pathologists can look at same slides and come to different  
7 conclusions?

8 A. They do. They seem to be doing that here.

9 Q. And competent pathologists can have an honest,  
10 intellectual dispute about what they see under the  
11 microscope; is that correct?

12 A. They do. There's not much dispute about this,  
13 but somebody with the experience that Dr. Barsky has is  
14 somebody that I think we'd have to pay careful attention  
15 to. On the other hand, he's seen maybe so many BACs that  
16 he sees more of them than some other people would, maybe  
17 he sees patterns that we don't normally see.

18 Q. Irrespective, for example, you and Dr. Roggli  
19 saw large cell; is that correct?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. And Dr. Hammar saw what he thought could be an  
22 adenosquamous; is that correct?

23 A. I think he saw several different patterns, but  
24 he didn't see a BAC.

25 Q. And the treating pathologist originally saw



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1 squamous cancer, right, or what they believed to be a  
2 squamous cancer?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And later on, other pathologists, including  
5 yourself, had looked at it and seen a  
6 poorly-differentiated carcinoma; is that correct?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. So you wouldn't ascribe any sinister motive to  
9 seeing a different type of cancer, would you?

10 A. No.

11 MS. SCHMAHL: If I can have just a couple  
12 seconds to look through, just to make sure I -  
13 didn't skip anything huge. I think we'll just  
14 need to mark the slides, and then I'll be done.

15 Do you want to conform the slides, or is it  
16 late enough? Are you tired?

17 MR. EVANS: I actually marked mine at  
18 lunchtime.

19 MS. SCHMAHL: You don't need to put that on  
20 the record.

21 (Off-the-record conference.)

22 (DFT. EXH. 38, Twenty-three Slides, was  
23 marked for identification.)

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2 MS. SCHMAHL: For the record, we are going  
3 to mark into evidence as Exhibit 38, 23 slides  
4 that correspond to the slides that Dr. Harley had  
5 discussed during his deposition. We will have  
6 slides one through 17 with actually two copies of  
7 slide 4 for a total of 18 slides, and then we'll  
8 have slides 18-1 through 18-5 for a grand total of  
9 23 slides. The slides will be retained by counsel  
10 for R.J. Reynolds.

11 As Exhibit 39, we are marking into evidence  
12 photographs which are copies of the  
13 photomicrographs that have already been marked  
14 into evidence as Exhibit 38.

15 There are a total of 24 photographs which  
16 correspond to the 23 photomicrographs, plus the  
17 extra copy of slide number 1 which was returned to  
18 Dr. Harley.

19 So in this set, we should have two copies of  
20 slide number 1 and two copies of slide number 4.

21 Jerry, that's all I have.

22 The exhibit will be retained by counsel for  
23 R.J. Reynolds.

24 MR. EVANS: And I have no questions at this  
25 time.

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